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## EXCLUSIVE

■ BY LAUREN MUMFORD

A MAN dragged unconscious from his bed by firefighters after an arson attack has been suffering from nightmares and coughing fits since his terrifying ordeal.

Liam Pemble, 21, has been struggling to come to terms with narrowly cheating death after burglars raided the block of flats he lives in and police believe deliberately started a fire to cover their tracks.

He had been sleeping when the blaze was started in a ground-floor flat and spread to a communal corridor – filling all the bedsits with thick, toxic smoke.

Brave firefighters forced their way into his second-floor flat in Hayle Road, Maidstone, and rescued him.

A second man, also 21, was rescued by firefighters using a ladder after they heard him shouting for help from a first-floor window.

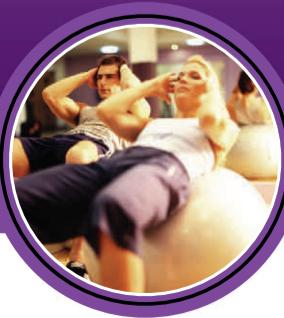
Mr Pemble said: "All I remember was going to bed and then waking up in hospital."

"I've been waking up from nightmares, waking up with coughing fits because of the smoke inhalation and I'm having problems breathing."

He added: "I would like to thank the firefighters who rescued me from my room, if it wasn't for them I wouldn't be here today."

Two fire crews were called to the flats at

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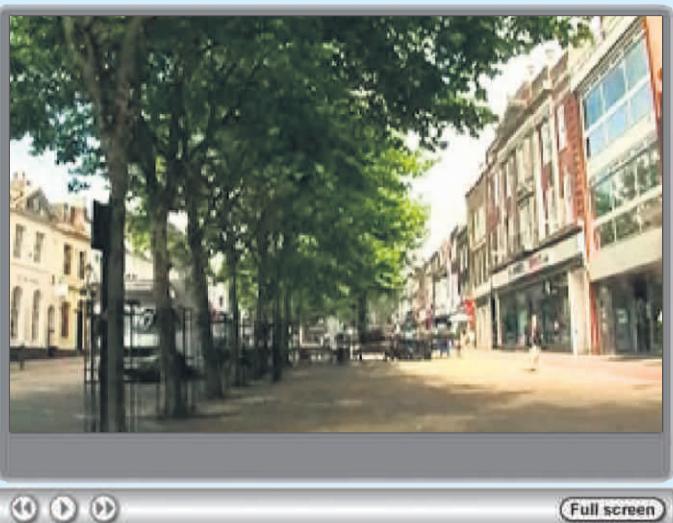
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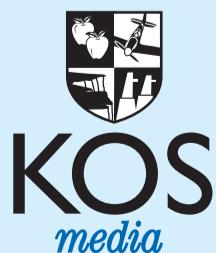
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**DIALYSIS:** The renal unit at Maidstone Hospital could transform patients' lives

# More kidney patients will be treated locally

## EXCLUSIVE

■ BY JON COATES

A NEW renal dialysis unit will give kidney disease sufferers access to the life-saving treatment without having to travel to hospitals across Kent or in London.

The new service at Maidstone Hospital has started seeing its first patients and will continue expanding in the coming months.

Until now, people with kidney failure in the county town were treated at the old renal unit at Preston Hall Hospital.

But as this only had seven dialysis stations many patients had to go to other units in Kent to receive treatment.

The new unit at the back of Maidstone Hospital opened seven stations last month – enabling up to 24 patients a week to get dialysis.

Five more stations will be added next month, six more in June and a further six in 2009.

When the last phase of the development is complete the unit will be able to treat about 100 patients a week in Maidstone.

There will also be a renal outpatient department in the new building

with clinics run by local staff.

A hospital spokesman said this service will expand throughout this year, with extra clinics cutting waiting times for consultations.

He said: "More patients will be able to see specialists at the unit instead of travelling to other hospitals in Kent and London for appointments.

"Kidney transplant patients will be able to have their follow-up consultations there too in the future."

Consultant nephrologist and renal head of department Dr Ian John said: "These facilities will allow people with kidney disease to receive the specialist services closer to their home and will make a significant difference to their quality of life."

The new unit will be part of a countywide network of satellite services, with a central department based in Canterbury – all operated by East Kent Hospitals Trust.

This comes as part of a multi-million pound refit and expansion of renal services in Kent.

Haemodialysis is a vital treatment for patients suffering from end-stage kidney failure and uses an artificial kidney to remove waste products and fluid from the blood.

Without it, toxic waste builds up in blood and tissues which cannot be filtered out by the ailing kidneys.

Dialysis treatments last around four hours and need to be carried out around three times a week.

## yourmaidstone NEWS IN BRIEF

### Booze seized from teenage drinkers

POLICE seized 18 bottles of Beck's and 28 cans of Foster's from a group of youths after receiving complaints from residents.

Police were called to Woodbridge Drive in Tovil on December 15, where they found seven youngsters, some aged under 18, gathered behind a play area drinking alcohol.

The youths had lit a fire, and were making noise and littering the area with empty beer cans and bottles.

### Thief flies the roost with rare parrots

TWO rare parrots worth £500 have been stolen from a back garden.

Police are appealing for information after two green and blue Barnard parrots went missing from a home in Paynes Lane, Maidstone.

The incident occurred between 6pm on December 28 and 8am the following morning, when their owner found that the door of the parrot house had been forced open and his pets were missing.

### Village celebrates in Las Vegas style

A SLEEPY village was transformed into the Sunset Strip when a pub rolled out the red carpet and set up spotlights to bring in the New Year.

The Swan, in West Malling, dazzled more than 300 guests with its Sinatra and Vegas-themed night.

They were greeted with neon signs, Vegas casino games tables and machines, a Frank Sinatra singer, buffet, pole dancers and bunny girls.

### Vandals do £1,000 of damage to Merc

POLICE have urged witnesses to come forward after a Mercedes Benz was targeted by vandals who caused more than £1,000 of damage.

The black E class saloon car was parked in Capell Close in Coxheath on December 19 and was damaged between 7.30-9.20pm.

Offensive language was scratched into the bonnet paintwork and its Mercedes Benz badge was prised off and left on the bonnet of the car.

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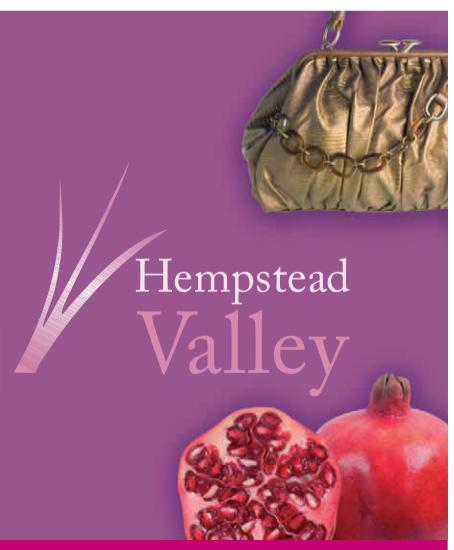
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# Why the French want Kent's grape harvest

## Climate change means we're the new Champagne

■ BY IAN READ

A NEW Battle of Britain is being fought over the Garden of England against the French – who fear Champagne could dry up through global warming.

Fearing an increase in average temperatures of one degree centigrade, growers are casting envious eyes over the North and South Downs.

Because demand for their sparkling wine has rocketed they are thinking of heading north – because the geology of Kent is the same as their home region.

This has sparked a scramble for suitable south-facing sites, with native growers buying up land in a bid to stop the French wine conglomerates from gaining a foothold.

Alarm bells started ringing when senior officials from Cristal makers Louis Roederer took a tour around new vineyards in Kent in September.

They looked at an unplanted site which is up for sale and two existing vineyards in Kent.

Frederic Rouzard, the firm's president, and his vineyard director Jean-Baptiste Lecaillon discussed soils, grape yields and sugar levels.



**SANTÉ:** Frazer Thompson owns a 116-acre vineyard near Maidstone which thrives as temperatures rise

An added attraction is the low price of suitable land in the county.

Vineyards in Champagne cost £300,000 an acre, while in Kent they range from £8,000 and £10,000, and growers aren't subject to the rigid red tape prevalent in the wine regions of France.

Kent-based sparkling wine producer Chapel Down fired the first shots in the wine war by buying up 116 acres on the North Downs between Chatham and Maidstone.

With the new acreage, managing director Frazer Thompson hopes to be producing a million bottles a year by 2011.

The man who runs the Tenterden Vineyard

said: "We believe the global warming effect has already started.

"This is a good time to be producing white sparkling wine in England because the public has an insatiable demand for it.

"It doesn't surprise us to learn that the French have been sniffing around because we are already producing better white wine than they are."

To forestall the French invasion Mr Thompson believes other English growers will be looking to expand their acreage.

He believes as the British public becomes more aware of wines so production across the South East will boom – bringing tourism with it.

## CCTV team saved lives

CONTINUED FROM FRONT

5.17am after town centre CCTV operators saw smoke billowing from the flats and raised the alarm.

Clr Mike Fitzgerald praised the CCTV team and said if it wasn't for their quick response the incident may well have ended in tragedy.

Station manager Dickie Baugh said: "On arrival crews found a well developed fire on the ground floor. It had spread from a flat to the communal corridor, while severe smoke logging affected the rest of the building.

Despite arduous conditions, the firefighters worked well in rescuing the trapped persons and bringing the fire under control."

Police are treating the fire as "suspicious" after discovering several bedsits had been searched, and cash and a laptop were stolen, just before the blaze started.

Officers were forced to close Hayle Road and evacuate neighbouring buildings.

Firefighters tackled the blaze with hose reels and breathing apparatus and called upon a further two engines for additional man power to help tackle the blaze.

Anyone with any information about the incident is asked to call Detective Sergeant Martin Foord on 01622 604243 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555111.

## Barmaid to take 10,000ft plunge for terminally ill

A BARMAID has swapped pulling pints for a parachute to help raise money for people with a terminal illness.

Debra Butcher, who works at popular pub The Cock Inn at Broughton Monchelsea, is taking part in a sponsored 10,000ft tandem skydive to raise money for the Heart of Kent Hospice.

The event, which is due to take place at Headcorn Aerodrome on January 27, has enticed a number of thrillseekers to take the plunge, raising more than £2,000 before the event has even taken place.

But the hospice is still looking for hundreds of adventurous volunteers to make a jump at the fundraising event.

The 26-year-old barmaid, from Paddock Wood, said: "The hospice is such a good and worthy charity, and

people want to offer support for it.

"I saw an advert to take part in the jump in Yourmaidstone, which led me to sign up for it.

"I have always thought about doing one, so I thought while I was young and fit enough I should give it a go."

Jumpers need to raise £405 to take part in the sky dive, with £140 going directly to the hospice and the rest going towards equipment and field hire.

All additional sponsorship will go towards improving equipment and services at the hospice for terminally ill adults.

If you fancy doing a parachute jump for the charity, call Stephen Fuller on 01622 790195 for an information pack.

To sponsor Miss Butcher, pop into The Cock Inn or call 07912064305.

## Making sure your child stays safe in the cyber world

PARENTS who gave their children new computers for Christmas have been urged to be conscious of the risk posed by paedophiles and fraudsters.

With more youngsters across the county expected to be logging on to the internet this year, Kent police have released guidelines for parents in a bid to keep kids safe from harm.

Youth crime reduction officer PC Martin Carter said: "Although children mostly use computers in the safety of their own homes, we have to remember the virtual world is completely open to them and can pose all sorts of risks if precautions are not taken.

"We want to remind parents and guardians to keep an eye on what their children are doing and to ensure they are safe while they have fun on their computers."

The advice includes knowing what your children are doing online and who they are talking to, warning them not to give out personal details to online friends, not to reply to spam emails and never to communicate online with a stranger.

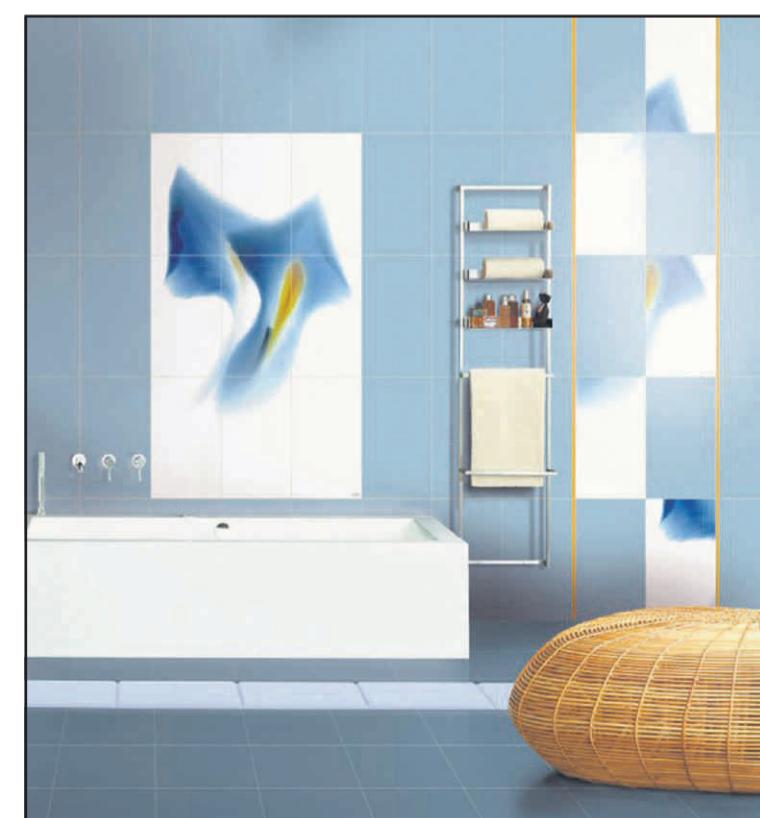
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**Groups to benefit from free leisure centre use**

FOUR community groups have been chosen to get free use of Maidstone Leisure Centre's Mote Hall this year.

The leisure centre is council-maintained and must each year award several organisations a free letting as part of its contract.

This year the hall will host Mandy Ellen School of Dance's charity dance show in January, Maidstone Choral Union's Verdi Requiem concert in July, Kent Youth Service's Try Angle Awards, also in July, and the Rotary Club will hold its charity musical celebration in October.

**Declare your love and help raise cash for charity**

SIXTIES pop stars will perform at a Valentine's charity show to raise funds for a charity helping the deaf and hard-of-hearing.

Stars from the Swinging Blue Jeans and the late Beatle George Harrison's band will take part in the show for Hi Kent at Sutton Valence village hall on Saturday, February 9, starting at 8pm.

A bar will be open throughout the evening. Tickets can be bought at the Swan Pub in Sutton Valence, or by calling 01622 691151.

**Gypsy site's sewage works to be repaired**

A GYPSY site's sewage treatment plant will get an overhaul after officials deemed this was the only way to extend its working life.

Councillors agreed the repairs on the 12-year-old plant at Stilebridge Lane Gypsy Caravan Site were needed at a recent meeting of the council's cabinet.

The maintenance work will cost £14,885, but should extend the working life of the plant by two years. If the treatment device fails altogether it will need replacing, which is likely to cost more than £400,000.

**Family fun with puppets at the kindergarten**

CHILDREN can watch a puppet show and then learn how to make their own puppets at a workshop next month.

A performance of 'Mother Holle' will be staged at Cobnuts Kindergarten pre-school in Gatlands Lane, Maidstone, on Sunday February 3, starting at 3pm.

This will be followed by a puppet-making workshop. Tickets will cost £5 per family.

For more details visit [www.cobnutskindergarten.co.uk](http://www.cobnutskindergarten.co.uk) and to book a place call 01622 201028 or email [enquiries@cobnutskindergarten.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@cobnutskindergarten.co.uk).

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# Prison maybe listed and unlikely to close but... Jail sell off would 'suit very nicely'

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A CONTROVERSIAL proposal to shut Maidstone Prison and sell off the prime town centre land for redevelopment has been heavily criticised.

Shadow Justice Secretary Nick Herbert has suggested closing Victorian prisons in areas of high value and living demand to fund building more modern institutions elsewhere.

He made a recent speech in the Commons, saying research has shown that £350 million could be raised in this way to help pay for new specialist units to increase prison capacity.

The new prisons, some of which could be built on the same sites, would be cheaper to run and more environmentally-friendly.

Conservative councillor Bruce Pollington, who applied to replace the retiring Ann Widdecombe as the county town's MP but was rejected at the first stage, has supported his party's prison policy.

■ BY LAUREN MUMFORD

He posted a statement on his website saying: 'I realise that Maidstone Prison is 'listed' but this policy has, to use the new vernacular 'legs', for Maidstone.'

'While we must wait for the details, one cannot but think that this might suit Maidstone very nicely.'

'After all, Maidstone Prison occupies a huge site and can hardly be the best use for this prime land.'

This statement has been criticised by Liberal Democrat councillor Tony Harwood, the council's environment chair, as 'rash' and 'ill thought-out'.

He said: 'I condemn in the strongest terms the irresponsible call for closure of Maidstone Prison and its redevelopment with housing.'

'This facility provides 482 places within a prison system already bursting at the seams – I feel that with his statement on the prison

TRANSFORM: The land occupied by Maidstone Prison could be redeveloped for better use according to comments posted on a councillor's website

Cllr Pollington may well have shot himself in the foot.'

Mr Pollington, 38, who represents Maidstone South ward, responded to this by saying: 'The purpose of my post on my website was to create debate – in reality Maidstone Prison is a listed building so it's extremely unlikely this will ever be able to happen.'

'If you look at my website, you will see that I have not mentioned anything about replacing Maidstone Prison with housing. It has been taken out of context.'

**Cool Christmas at the castle**

FESTIVE family attractions at Leeds Castle proved a big hit – with record numbers flocking to the historic landmark last month.

More than 30,000 visitors enjoyed the medieval frost fair at the castle, which featured Santa and all-weather skating on a synthetic rink on the Pavilion Lawn.

This marks a 50 per cent increase on people enjoying Christmas at the castle from last year.

Father Christmas was found in his grotto in the Old Pavilion, which was transformed into a magical Santa's Cottage with fantastic festive scenes and even a toy-making machine.

Also, more than 5,000 adults and children put

on skates on the undercover skating rink, which remained open until New Year's Day.

Seasonal refreshments were served in a marquee and local schools performed carol concerts from December 10 to 20.

As darkness fell, the whole area was transformed into a winter wonderland with lights twinkling.

The castle shops also proved a hit, with the locally produced preserves, hand-made chocolates and Christmas plants from local nurseries selling particularly well.

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**BREAKTHROUGH:** Maidstone-based band Mooli are set for the big time with their debut album receiving rave reviews

# Sounds like success for band Mooli

■ BY LAUREN MUMFORD

TWO-piece band Mooli look set to be one of the hottest breakthrough acts of 2008 – with their debut album *Concubine* receiving rave reviews.

Singer Clea Llewellyn, and synth player and producer Ben Copland, both from Maidstone, have wowed music fans and critics with their chilled out sound.

Tracks from their album have been played on MTV2, BBC Radio 2 and BBC Radio 6, creating a wave of expectation for its official release.

Ben said: "Seeing Mooli on MTV and hearing our record on BBC Radio 2 felt like such an achievement, because it was done totally independently without using pluggers, or promotions people, and with absolutely no budget."

Mooli are the first band from the county town to achieve this success. Their first single *One Design* has been stocked by HMV and their album can be ordered online.

The general release of *Concubine* will follow shortly.

Clea was born and grew up in Chatham, but then moved to Maidstone, while Ben grew up in north London.



**MUSICAL DUO:** Ben Copland and Clea Llewellyn

They literally bumped into each other in 2003 when he was househunting, a chance meeting which set them on the road to stardom.

Ben said: "We met in the High Street on the very first time I ever came to Maidstone. I was looking for a house and didn't know my way around."

After he moved to the county town from Camden, north London, they started writing songs together at his studio in Tonbridge Road.

Since then they have produced tracks which have appeared on compilation albums such as *Electracoustic*, *Angels Fall* and *Ministry of Sound*, next to the likes of Snow Patrol and José Gonzalez.

Ben said: "Generally, I'll come up with some basic ideas, or the music, and we'll then get together and write the song."

"Clea plays guitar and sings on all the songs, and I generally handle the rest of the instrumentation, and production."

Her voice has been compared to former Catatonia singer Cerys Matthews and soul sensation Corinne Bailey Rae.

Ben has written songs and produced for stars including soul singers Beverly Knight and Dina Carroll, and pop bands Liberty X and Eternal.

To find out more or to order the album visit [www.moolimusic.com](http://www.moolimusic.com) or go to myspace site [www.myspace.com/mooli](http://www.myspace.com/mooli).

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Band Mooli have released their debut album. See [Yourkenttv.co.uk](http://Yourkenttv.co.uk).



## Calling on residents to report empty houses

A CAMPAIGN has been launched to reduce the number of houses that are lying empty in the county town.

After consulting residents Maidstone council has decided to use new legal powers to stop available housing being unused for long periods.

An 'empty homes helpline' will be set up for people to report suspected empty properties.

The council will apply for a special government grant to help fund the new scheme.

A chronic shortage of housing for an expanding population has forced the Government to set targets for hundreds of thousands of new homes to be built in the South East by 2020.

But with an estimated 290,000 homes sitting empty nationwide, councils have been urged to use as many available properties as possible.

The government has issued advice and additional legal powers to help reduce the number lying empty.

For more details call 01622 602000.

## Generous shoppers make Giving Tree a success

HUNDREDS of presents were given to children in need thanks to a shopping centre's appeal.

Children in social services care had a brighter Christmas after The Mall's Giving Tree collected more than 315 presents.

The appeal asked shoppers and businesses to buy an extra gift during the festive season for those in need. Hundreds of teddy bears, dolls, model cars and wooden toys were donated, along with football shirts and make-up kits.

Mall spokeswoman Suzie Brindle said: "It never fails to amaze me just how kind the community is when it comes to charity drives."

## Toddlers only in new play park in Allington

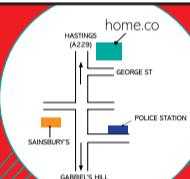
PLANS for a new £50,000 toddler's play park have been given the green light by councillors.

A specially-designed area for young children will now begin to take shape in a plot of unused land at Braunstone Drive in Allington.

Families with toddlers will benefit from the new and safe play area which will be screened by improved landscaping, after the decision at a recent council cabinet meeting.

Residents had been concerned a play area would attract anti-social behaviour, so all the area's equipment has been specially made so only toddlers can use it.

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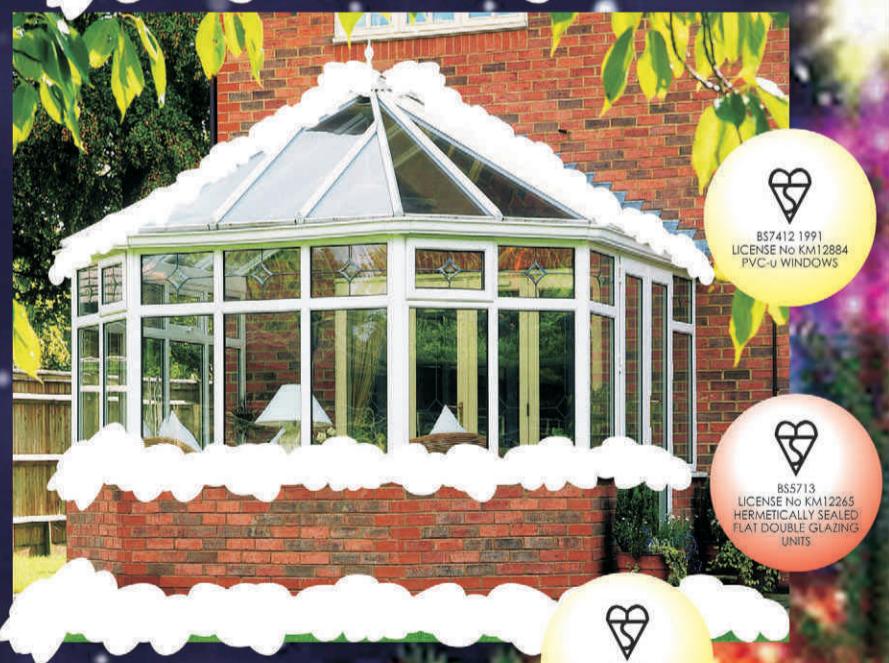
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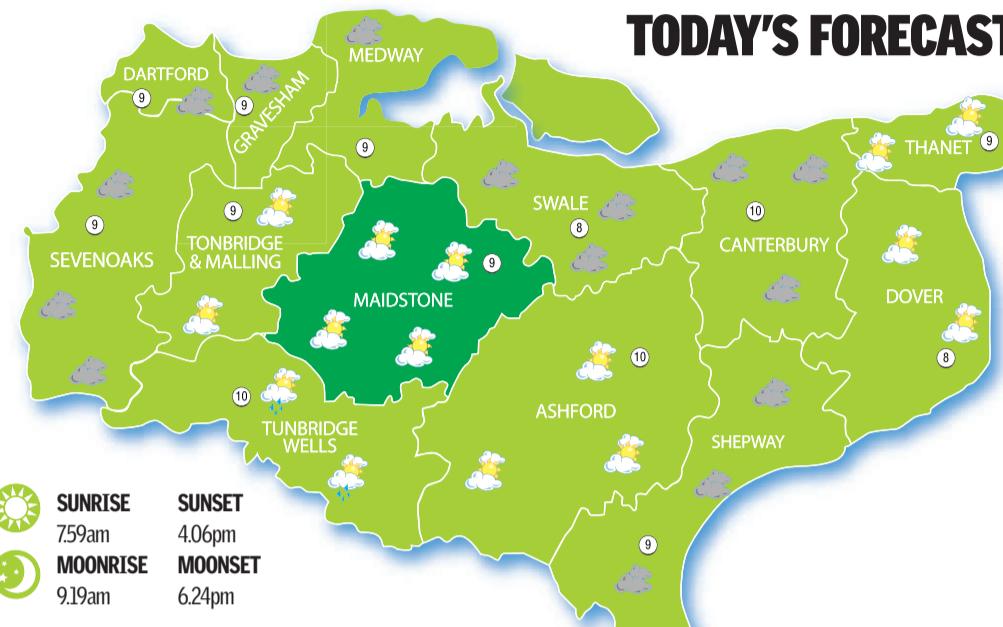


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## WEEKEND HIGH TIDES

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	Sunday	2:01pm	5.8m
<b>Dover</b>	Saturday	11:33am	6.2m
	Sunday	12:09pm	6.3m
<b>Dungeness</b>	Saturday	11:33am	7.2m
	Sunday	12:06pm	7.3m
<b>Ramsgate</b>	Saturday	12:03pm	4.7m
	Sunday	12:39pm	4.8m
<b>Sheerness</b>	Saturday	1:14pm	5.5m
	Sunday	1:51pm	5.6m
<b>Whitstable</b>	Saturday	1:19pm	5.0m
	Sunday	1:56pm	5.1m

## FIVE-DAY KENT FORECAST

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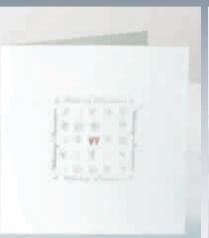
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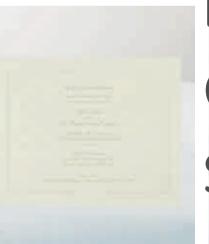
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## QUESTION & ANSWER

### JONATHAN ATKINSON



## Q & A

The environmental scientist from Maidstone took time to talk to **Lauren Mumford** about trying to increase awareness of dyspraxia and provide activities to boost sufferer's self-esteem.

**Q** Can you tell us a little about yourself?

**A** I have worked as a scientist for the Environment Agency since it was formed ten years ago.

Before that I have to admit to being a bit of a globe trotter with stints in the Philippines, Papua New Guinea and then Burkina Faso, doing voluntary work of one sort or another. I also spent six months hitch-hiking round Australia.

When I got back I got my first real full-time job and married in a year or so, and ended up with a ready-made mortgage and family of wife and two step-sons, with my son soon to follow.

I had been brought up abroad with a boarding school education in the UK, as my Dad worked for British Overseas Aid and Unesco. We lived in Zambia, Kenya, Chile, Fiji and Indonesia, so you can see where I got my wander lust from.

**Q** Can you tell us about your connection with dyspraxia awareness?

**A** My son has dyspraxia, which we identified because he had so much difficulty with speech and walking when he was a baby.

We subsequently found my youngest step-son also had it, but not quite so obviously. We joined the Dyspraxia Foundation to get more information and, after my wife died, I got more involved with the local support group to get some more help.

I subsequently ended up as the Dyspraxia Foundation Kent contact and chairman of the local support group.

**Q** How has your son come to terms with the condition?

**A** My son went to a mainstream primary school in Allington with wonderful staff and one-to-one support staff. He then went on to Bower Grove Special School, where staff were equally great, but some of the things my son enjoyed from Allington were missing – in particular drama.

Another parent at the school had been talking about her son doing drama but not in a large group, so we got together with the youth drama leader from the Hazlitt Theatre and set up Square Pegs Drama Club at Bower Grove School.

We started with just our two boys and about four others, but then managed to get a grant from Maidstone council arts fund to really get going. We now have two age groups, six-11 and 11-16, and have put on shows of Christmas Carol, Romeo and Juliet, and some plays written by our drama leader with lots of ideas from the kids. We have seen the kids come on in leaps and bounds in confidence, self esteem and social abilities. We have been running for 18 months now and love it.

The other significant activity is the Tae Kwon Do group we attend in Tovil at the Family Martial Arts Centre. Coach Dave Martin set up a special needs class about two years ago for those children with social and communication difficulties, and again the young people have thrived, got stronger, more co-ordinated and better at social interaction.

The coach is brilliant and parents have to

take part too, so we have a real fun time, even if I am not quite as agile at 48 as I was doing gymnastics at school!

**Q** Can awareness be improved?

**A** It's tricky to pick up sometimes but early diagnosis can be a real life saver. So many don't get picked up until secondary school and by then self esteem, a sense of failure and being bullied can make kids back off from school. I was really fortunate with my son. It was having support from an informed peripatetic special needs advisor at St Nickolas play group and a very extraordinary wife that really set us on the right track. Each child has different needs according to where he/she is on the spectrum, but they can all benefit if we get it right.

**Q** Are you involved in any other organisations?

**A** I am also an elder at West Malling Baptist Church and a youth leader. Support from there since my wife died from has been a life-line. But I find if you give out more than you get in, then more seems to come your way.

**Q** Would you like to expand on the programs you are already involved in?

**A** We may expand Square Pegs if we can get more funding, and find another venue and more staff. Young people and my stepson currently support the drama leader and this is great experience for them, as well as giving real support to our kids.



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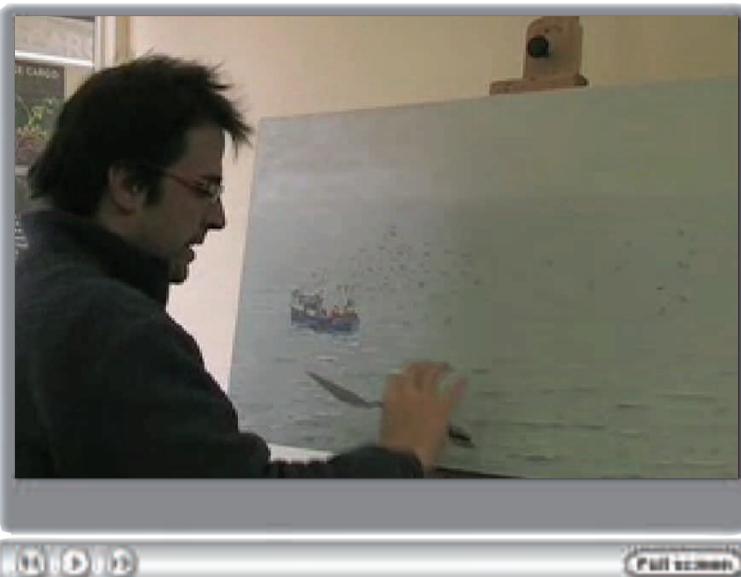
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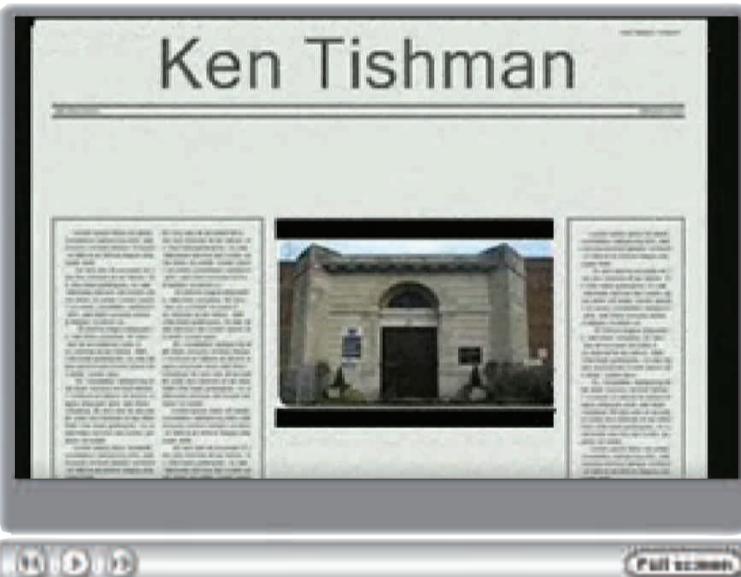
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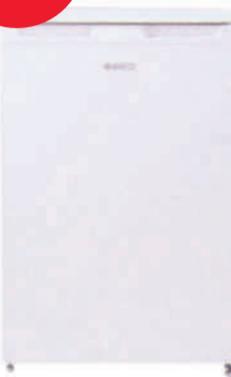
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However that effort could end in disaster if wannabe fitness fanatics don't look after themselves before they start to sweat.

That's the warning from a top Kent physiotherapist, who is urging all New Year gym users to adopt her GR8 stretch plan to help them avoid injuries and get fitter.

Chartered physiotherapist Alison Boorer has adapted an eight point stretch plan for anyone hoping to battle the bulge or up their fitness levels in the next few weeks.

Alison recommends the moves to anyone of any age, male or female, who is throwing themselves into a new fitness regime.

The five minute routine, which loosens key muscles in the body, is easily understood and can be followed from the quick guide pictured.

Alison, who runs the Bromley Physiotherapy and Sports Injury Clinic in Sundridge Park, is rolling out the plan across the county from next week.

She admitted: "It's fantastic that we really get motivated in January to get fit. However it's all too easy to throw yourself in too hard and fast, and then hurt yourself.

"I have developed this plan to help many of

my patients ease their muscles and joints into the demands of a new exercise regime.

"These stretches can be performed both before and after exercise sessions.

"Some of my patients actually stretch themselves fitter and many have noticed a real difference in their fatigue levels and muscle pain after workouts.

"With each stretch taking just 30 seconds, this is as valuable as your workout."

Alison recommends that all wannabe David Beckhams or Paula Radcliffes prepare for their fitness assault with these few easy steps.

She adds: "By taking a few simple steps to prepare for any new activity, any grumbling injuries can be resolved or avoided all together.

"This means less people give up at the first hurdle and are able to achieve their fitness goals in 2008.

"Other key pointers I recommend are starting out slowly to give you time to adapt to the new experience, make sure you have the correct footwear on and drink plenty of water as dehydration increases the chance of injury."

Boorer added: "These eight basic stretches can be more specific to suit your particular sport by consulting your local chartered physio."

For more details about the GR8 plan contact Alison at her clinic at [info@bromleyphysio.co.uk](mailto:info@bromleyphysio.co.uk), or see [bromleyphysio.co.uk](http://bromleyphysio.co.uk).

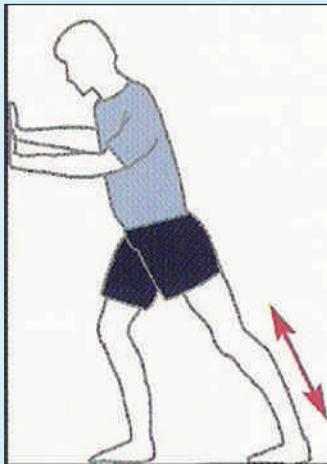
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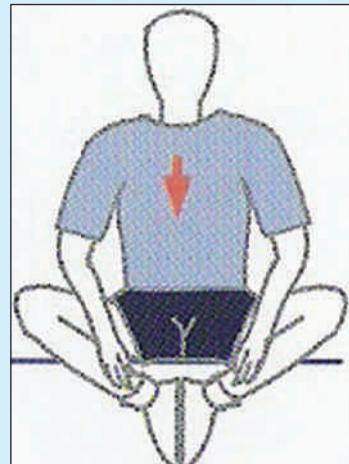
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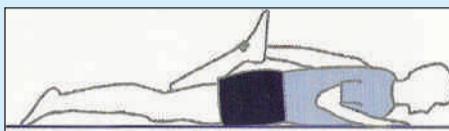
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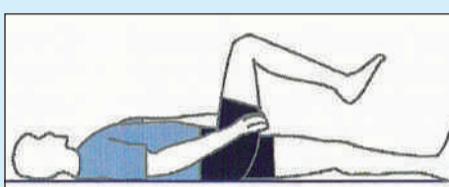
5. Sit with the soles of your feet together, and grasp both ankles. Keeping your back straight, gently lean forwards and you should begin to feel a stretch in the inside of your thighs.



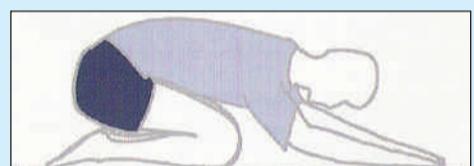
2. Lying on your front, bend your knee and keep hold of the ankle. Gently bring the heel towards your bottom. You should feel the stretch down the front of the thigh.



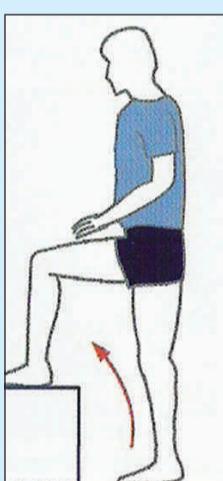
6. Stand up straight with your hands clasped behind your back. Push your chest forwards, and squeeze your shoulder blades together so that your shoulders are pulled backwards. You should feel a stretch across the upper chest and shoulders.



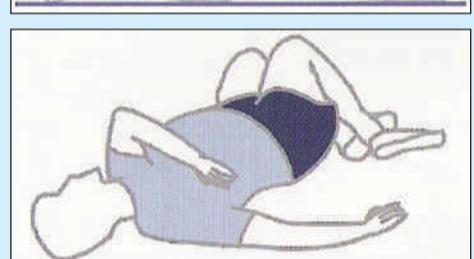
3. Lying on your back, bend the hip and the knee of the leg to be stretched. Gently straighten the knee until a stretch is felt down the back of the thigh.



7. Kneel on all fours. Keeping your hands on the floor in front of you, slowly sit back onto your heels, as shown below. You should feel a stretch throughout your back.



4. Place your foot on a block, or a step. Keeping your back and back leg straight, take your weight forward over the toes of the front foot. You should begin to feel a stretch in the buttock of the front leg. If not use a slightly higher block/step.



8. Lie on your back, with your hips and knees bent allowing your feet to sit flat on the floor. Keeping your shoulders flat on the floor gently drop your knees down over to the left, if comfortable down to the floor, and then back over to the right. Hold each position for about 20 seconds.

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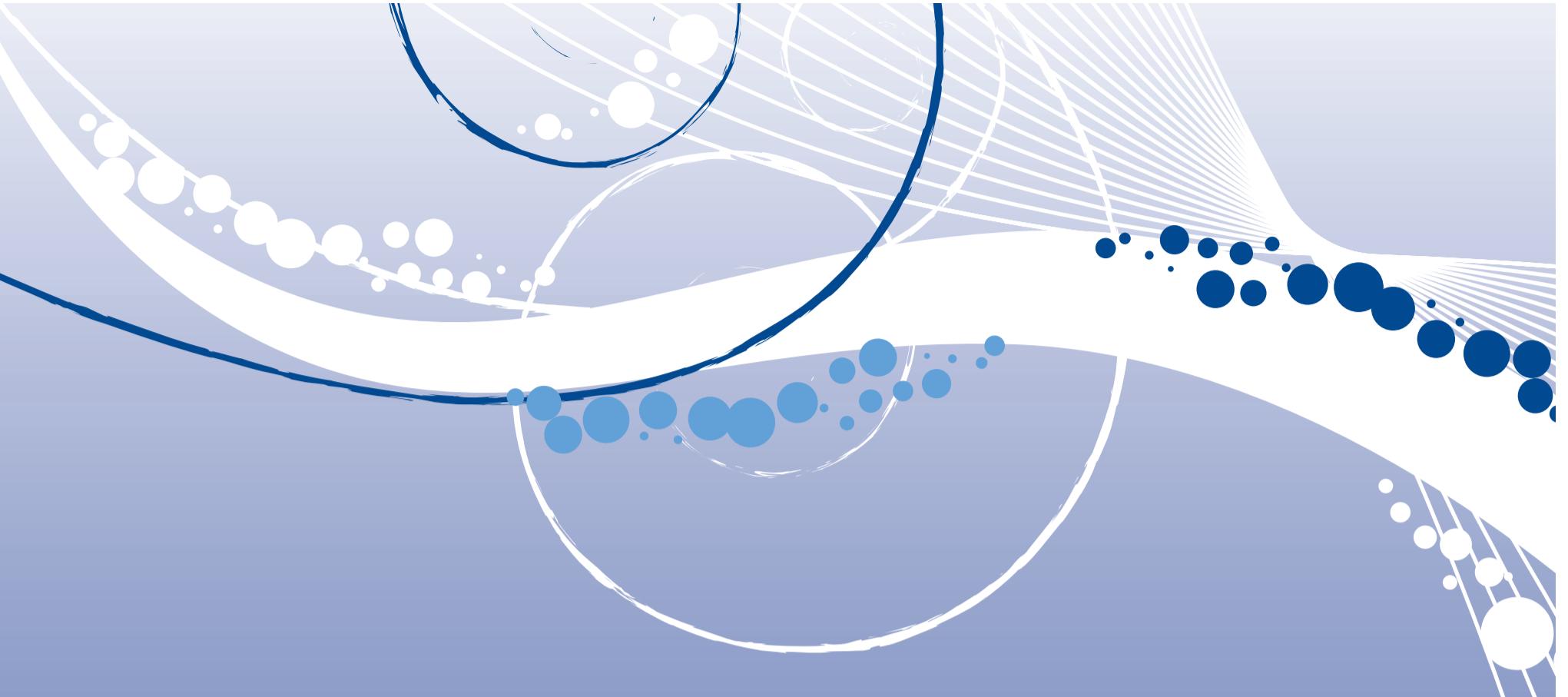
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### BABY'S GOT BLUE EYES

Crystal, 24, Brunette, blue eyes, petite, likes music, art, films, swimming, country walks, WLTM friendly guy for friendship maybe more. Box 432236 **T**

### LOOK ME UP

24yr old single mother of 2, very bubbly and fun to be with, looking for happy-go-lucky guy to show me a good time. Box 432026 **T**

### LIVELY UP YOURSELF

Lively female, 26, 5ft2, brown hair, green eyes, size 10, single mum, enjoys most things, seeks genuine, laid-back guy for fun, friendship and more. Box 428555 **T**

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Single mum, 29, 5ft1, brown hair/blue eyes. I'm new to Margate, and I'm looking for a guy with a GSOH. I'm going out, socialising etc. Box 431105 **T**

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Hi, I'm Lisa, 30, blonde hair, attractive, love country walks, restaurants, socialising, cosy nights in, if you like the sound, then get back to me! Box 435104 **T**

### BLACK IS BEAUTIFUL

Black, beautiful, curly, single mum, 31, enjoys outdoors, cooking, home-life, cosy nights in, eating out, cinema looking for tall, sincere gentleman for friendship/relationship. Box 432283 **T**

### ANIMAL LOVER

Honest, loyal, caring lady, 32, hard-working, 5ft8, medium build, likes eating out, spending time with friends/family, meeting new people, going to new places, seeking similar Box 432586 **T**

### RAMSGATE REVIVAL

Honest, single, outgoing female, 31, 5'11", loves to go out and stay in with good company, dvds etc, WLTM similar male, for friendship and more. Box 927816 **T**

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Caring, loving, affectionate female, 30, 5'2", blonde, likes walking, horse riding, animals, seeks affectionate male, 30-40, for lasting, loving relationship. Box 384013 **T**

**DESPERATELY SEEKING SUSAN?** Susan, 33, long hair, hazel eyes, tanned, enjoys the usual things in life, seeks genuine male for friendship and more. Box 429789 **T**

### SWEET CAROLINE

Caroline, 32, 5ft10, brown hair, likes going out, having fun, cinema, seeks outgoing male for friendship and more. Box 430833 **T**

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Single mum of 2, 32, would like to meet someone kind, caring and considerate, for nights in/out and cinema. Box 406670 **T**

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### TRY NEW THINGS

Mum of 1, I'm 5ft4, blonde hair, slim, young looking, 34yrs old. I'm caring, honest, with a GSOH. I like keep-fit, cinema, dancing, days out. Box 431559 **T**

### R U THE 1?

Outgoing, funny, young-looking female, 34, 5ft3, brown hair/eyes, Tonbridge. Seeks caring, loyal male for friendship leading to more. Box 433107 **T**

### NOT FOOTBALL CRAZY

Divorced, affectionate lady, 40, large build, 5'6", love staying in, cinema, looking for a thoughtful male to share good things in life, leading to LTR. Box 430332 **T**

### TRUST MATTERS

Independent, professional female, 35, 5'7", fit, GSOH, enjoy travelling, cinema, seeking a like-minded, honest, loyal male to share life. Box 901771 **T**

### A CHANGE FOR THE BETTER

Single parent of 4 kids, 35, 5ft6, brown hair with blue eyes, looking for friendly guy for friendship and maybe more. Box 900447 **T**

### YOURS FOREVER!

Active, affectionate female, 35, 5ft3, blonde, blue eyes, likes cinema, walking, cycling, swimming, watching wrestling, WLTM tall, dark & handsome bloke. Box 430392 **T**

### NICE SMILE???

Single 36y old female, like most things in life, very loving and caring, 5'5", cuddly build, good personality, seeking a gentle, considerate man. Box 431286 **T**

### FOOTBALL FANATIC

Debased-lady, 41, divorced, blonde, green eyes, 5ft10, likes going out, pubs, clubs, cinema, shopping, walks, loves films and all sports except cricket. Box 430384 **T**

### SMOOTH MOVE

Kind, caring, genuine person, 43, love music, outdoors, good conversations, looking for friendship initially and maybe more. Box 898448 **T**

### PUTTER IN YOUR HANDS!

Sporty female, 50, Hastings-based, 5'8", blonde/blue, enjoys golf, walking, socialising, eating in/out. WLTM fun-loving, kind, sporty male, 48-60, 5'10"+, to share life. Box 156367 **T**

### READ ALL ABOUT IT

Petite, sincere woman, 44, wavy blonde hair, blue eyes, size 10, loves beach walks, relaxing, cooking, looking for a kind, genuine man, 48-51, for fun and friendship/romance. Box 434206 **T**

### INDEPENDENT WOMAN

Bright, bubbly lady, 52, 5'4", blonde, recently divorced, home and car, enjoys cinema, eating out, drinks, looking for a companion/friendship. Box 419966 **T**

### WHERE R U?

Sincere, reliable woman, 43, long blonde hair, blue eyes, community worker, loves horse riding, travelling, cooking, looking for my soul mate. Box 428689 **T**

### A FINE ROMANCE

Pleasant female, 43, medium/large, blue-green eyes, grown up children, beach walks, relaxing, reading, writing, seeks sincere male with GSOH, for LTR. Box 429701 **T**

### NICE AND LOVING

44yr old female, 5'5", brown hair, slim/medium build, enjoys pubs, clubs, if you are out there, give me a ring! Maidstone Box 434448 **T**

### TIME TO SETTLE DOWN

Romantic woman, 45, likes good things in life, WLTM special, good-looking man to complete the jigsaw. Box 434511 **T**

### KNOW HOW TO TREAT A LADY?

Blonde, attractive female, 46, 5ft4, slim, GSOH, seeking good-looking, slim, kind, trendy male, 35-45, with a GSOH, and fantastic personality. Sheeress. Box 432196 **T**

### I DREAM OF DOMESTICITY!

Attractive, homey, caring 55y old lady, 5'2", slim/medium build, GSOH, good conversationalist, looking for special person to share life's ups and downs with. Faversham. Box 406928 **T**

### A CHICKLE & A CHORTLE

56yr old lady, well-built, 5'5", N/S, GSOH, funny nature, like films, theatre, eating out. WLTM N/S man, 56-60ish, to make her laugh again. Medway/Maidstone. Box 412127 **T**

### STIMULATING COMPANY

Blonde, caring, single mum, 46, WLTM nice male, for good conversations, company, and maybe more. Box 396829 **T**

### ALL THAT I NEED

Young-looking, slim, attractive female, 48, fun-loving, outgoing, N/S, GSOH, love music, holidays, going out, staying in, seeks similar man, 42-50. Aylesford. Box 428893 **T**

### READY TO START AGAIN

Hi, I'm Sue, 45, 5'2", dark hair/eyes, divorced, hard-working, WLTM compatible male, stocky build, for good times, possibly LTR. Box 432992 **T**

### THE FULL TREATMENT

36y old nurse, enjoys fun and laughter, travel, nights in/out, music, dancing, reading, theatre. Seeking man for company, maybe more. East Kent Box 912176 **T**

### NEW TO THE AREA

Happy, bubbly, positive female, 37 years old, outgoing, loving, caring, loyal, quite spiritual, into dance music, trance, cooking, the countryside, looking for soul mate. Box 433539 **T**

### MISSING MALE COMPANY

Chatty female, 36, 5'4", single mum, blonde, slim, likes pubs, clubs, going out, having fun, seeks male, for fun nights out and giggles. Rochester. Box 372889 **T**

### SECURE FUTURE

Honest, caring lady, attractive, from Tunbridge Wells, 37, hazel eyes, curly, 5ft6, with a GSOH, many interests, clubs, cooking, cosy nights. Looking for stocky male, 35-45. Box 424364 **T**

### YOUNG-AT-HEART

Attractive 38y old female, dark brown hair, blue eyes, curvy physique, likes days out, music, concerts, cinema, walking, cycling, seeks loving, fun male, for friendship/relationship. Box 901893 **T**

### AFRICAN ADVENTURE

African lady, 33, brown eyes, likes socialising, music, pubs, cinema, seeks male for friendship and more. Box 413128 **T**

### GET IT TOGETHER

Kind, caring, spiritual lady, 39, 5'4", average build, hazel puppy-dog eyes, brown hair, looking for genuine, honest guy, N/S, friendship first. Box 899694 **T**

### THE IT TO WOO!

Kent female, 39, 5'7", dark eyes, GSOH, no ties, likes cosy nights in, socialising, country pubs, cinema, seeks loyal, caring male, for friendship... Box 152862 **T**

### LOVING TOUCH

39y old single mum, own house, 5'7", brown hair, seeking a kind-hearted man for companionship. Box 433107 **T**

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## Why the dawning of a New Year leaves me feeling cold

NOW Christmas is over, we are faced with the inevitable come down of the New Year.

These next few weeks are an annual limbo of time. Let's face it nothing happens.

I have never liked this time of year because of the inevitable disappointment it brings.

So much hope is invested in one tick of the clock as another year arrives with undue haste. But you soon realise that time doesn't necessarily play along with your hopes and dreams or even care. The year looms in front of you like a huge empty bucket of possibilities.

The worst thing about New Year is it's one of those times when you're expected to have a good time. It's like the whole nation has been entered into a knobbly knees competition at Butlin's and wants to be splattered with custard pies while joining a 55 million people-long conga.

Even when you think it might lead to worldwide disaster it disappoints. When the new century was due we were all warned about the terrible consequences of the Millennium Bug.

Planes would fall from the sky, nuclear missiles launch by themselves, and the tills stop working at Tesco. It was billed as the end of the modern world as we knew it. But even that was a damp squib. I thought it would be like the Day of the Triffids or 28 Days Later; we'd wake up to a silent world and start to have to hunt for antelope again.

In fact the millennium was one of my most miserable new years ever. Perhaps because we all thought the end was nigh, my friends and I decided to camp out on a field and build a man made of straw that we would sacrifice to the gods through the element of fire. Unfortunately, as the day went by and the drizzle persisted, our great totem to the gods got damp and as the final second of 1999 passed into the New Year it would not light. In the end we were forced to throw petrol over the damn thing – looking back it's amazing we did not all end up charred.

To make matters worse, my friend, who had been watching far too much Ray Mears on the telly, thought this would be the ideal time to try out his technique of cooking chicken in a

hole in the ground by placing it on top of hot rocks from the fire and wrapping it in banana leaves. Where he got banana leaves from in Kent in December I don't know. It may work for Ray in some Pacific isle, but in a cold December in the UK unless your rocks are made of uranium you're not going to cook anything. So we were wet, cold and forced to chew on part boiled chicken breast. Thank God we had the whisky.

I have even been at Sydney Harbour Bridge as the gongs have chimed and watched the fireworks of which they are so proud. I couldn't see a thing thanks to the lanky Aussie buffoons in front of me.

"We do the best New Year on the planet, mate," they would say to me. Well, I am sorry, that may be their idea of culture but here in the UK we have the Sugababes on the box and haggis. I wonder how much an Easyjet flight to Antarctica for New Year 2009 is?

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# yourletters

## TALK TIME

### BLAKE CONNOLLY

The 26-year-old validation engineer took the time to speak about what attracted him to the county town.



#### What do you like about Maidstone?

I like that there are lots of shops, pubs and bars, and a good cinema. Having lived in the country before, it's great to be within walking distance of decent facilities.

#### What attracted you to the area and how long have you lived here?

I've lived here for two and a half years. It was circumstances that brought me to Maidstone, rather than choice as such. We wanted to move to Kent from Devon to help my wife's career and a house became available in Maidstone. But I love it and it's felt like home since the beginning.

#### How does Maidstone compare to other areas you have lived in?

It's flatter than Torquay! There are less foreign students and teenagers hanging around, which is a good thing. It could do with a bit more character, but in most ways it's better.

#### Do you have any hobbies or interests?

I love the cinema and computer games. Since visiting America in April, I'm obsessed with travelling there and don't want to holiday anywhere else.

#### What would you change about Maidstone if you ruled the borough for a day?

I would allow less canvassers in the High Street, as they can be a real pain. I would also get more restaurants into the town centre and try to regenerate Week Street and the High Street. They look tatty and there should be less focus on Fremlin Walk.

## YOUR LETTERS

### I think it's climate short change

What is all this fuss about climate change?

The weather is the same as it's always been – rainy and wet.

We have had hot summers before and rainy ones like the last on. In my view it is just another way of raising money via taxes.

I don't believe anything this Government says anymore.

Bob Ellis  
by email

### We should act now before it's too late

Bob Ellis' letter describing why he doesn't believe climate change is happening, demonstrates the difficulties in tackling the problem, ie people cannot see or feel it impacting on their lives.

The analogy used by Al Gore is of a frog in cold water that is gradually heated up – the frog doesn't notice it is getting warmer until it is too late.

Fortunately we have better ways of predicting future trends than frogs.

Last year was the second warmest on record after 2006. The northern polar ice cap has halved in size over the last ten years, there are exponential rises in damage caused by weather across the Americas, and so across the world, however in the short term the climate in England will get a little more varied but it is unlikely we will experience anything major here for some time.

The key question people should be asking themselves is not whether climate change is real

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and man made or not, but is the risk of not acting on the overwhelming scientific evidence worth taking?

Our responsibility is to future generations to ensure we leave the planet in at least as good a state as we inherited it.

We must act collectively, decisively and quickly, both locally and globally, to address the number one challenge facing human kind.

Stuart Jeffery,  
Maidstone Green Party, by email

### We do need to take care of the planet

You published a letter from a Bob Ellis, who is obviously seeing the matter of climate change as a myth put about in order to let Government increase taxes.

Firstly climate change is happening. Between the 1940s and 1970s, in only one winter was there no snow in mid-Kent (and often when there was it lay for many days) – in the past ten years often there has been no snow, and then for only the occasional day.

With increasing world population, and use of the world's finite resources such as oil, mankind sadly will ruin both the world itself, and living conditions for mankind, unless we can reverse these trends. Our grandchildren will find the quality of life irrevocably ruined.

A difficult matter for us to face up to, individually and collectively, but face it we must, including reducing our use of the world's resources.

Phillip Sulley, from Yalding, by email

### Keep some civility in your break up

Although New Year is meant to be full of fun and merriment, many people can find it a stressful time for their relationships.

Research by the Family Mediation Helpline recently revealed that almost a quarter

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of the population know of someone who has split up at New Year and around 1.8 million couples feared this Christmas may have been the last straw for their relationships.

The Family Mediation Helpline sees a surge in calls every January from people who have decided to split up with their partners and want to resolve disputes about finances, property and child care arrangements without battling it out in court. But separating from a partner is painful for adults and children alike.

If you have split up from your partner and still want to start the year on the right foot, then call the Family Mediation Helpline on 0845 60 26627 to find out about your options for agreeing those difficult decisions.

Breaking up will always be difficult, but if anyone has decided their New Year's resolution is to separate from their partner, then they need to make sure they do it in the right way, otherwise they might find themselves in for some frosty feuding.

Deborah Turner, on behalf of the Family Mediation Council, by email

## Means testing is a shocking scheme

A friend's wife has very bad multiple sclerosis, so much so she can not walk. He will most probably have to finish work to become her carer.

As someone who has worked since he left school 35 years ago, he has paid his National Insurance and taxes without fail with little or no complaint.

His wife needs a lift for the bedroom, invalid toilet and shower facilities. Now as someone who paid into an insurance scheme all his life you would think he and his wife would be entitled to this free of charge? Oh no, he is going to be means tested.

This is where they have a look how much money he has, what property he owns and then they decide how much help he will get. In his case, very little.

He has estimated he will have to get an extra mortgage of £300 per month on what he is now paying to cover the extra facilities. Couple this with the fact that when he has to quit his job his income will fall by 50 per cent and the future is not very rosy.

Now compare his plight with someone who may live a few streets away in a similar position.

This family only worked intermittently over the last 40 years, when then they did have money they spent it on fags, booze, drugs and expensive holidays, they always rented.

Now they have nothing and everything is given to them free, even their rent and council tax is paid for. So my friend has been frugal with his money and saved for a rainy day and this is how our government reward him.

If he was paying into a private insurance scheme would they be allowed to pick and choose who to pay out on?

Imagine the following, "sorry Mr Smith, you have paid tens of thousands of pounds into our insurance, but because you earn too much money we will not pay out, instead your money will go to the shareholders."

If that happened there would be a

national outcry, yet every day this government insurance scheme uses means testing.

On top of all this it takes months and months for anything to be done. Like hospitals, if you keep the ill and the elderly waiting long enough they will die and not cost the government a penny. What a country!

Martin Clarke, by email



## Film is foundation for great activity

I really enjoyed watching the three films on Yourkenttv.co.uk about the old art of hedge laying. It's good to see the tradition still exists and the benefits to wildlife are clear to any landowner.

Well done to everyone who has taken part and I hope more people show an interest too, especially people like myself who are young enough to pass on the tradition and expertise.

Charlie Symes, by email

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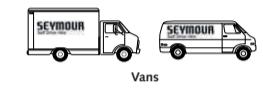
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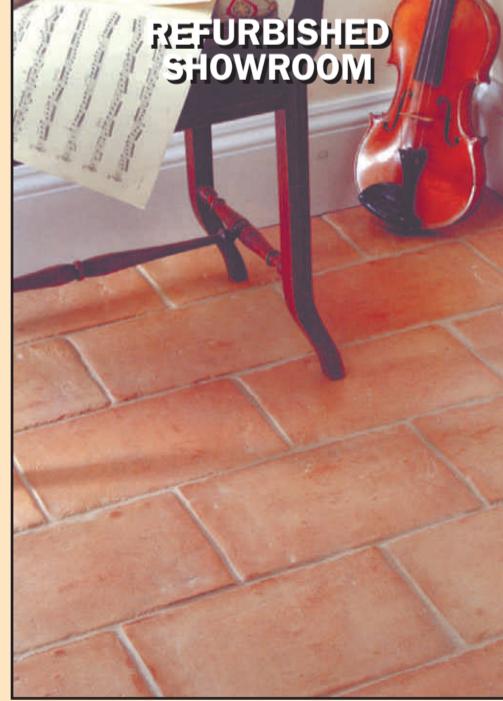
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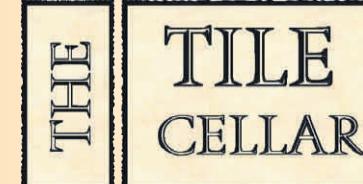
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# Boredom is my biggest influence

**Jimmy Carr follows his heart on tour**

AS THE face of comedy on Channel 4, Jimmy Carr has become a regular fixture on our television screens, fronting shows such as 8 out of 10 Cats and Distraction.

But he says his real love is his live gigs, which is just as well as he is currently on a mammoth 12-month 140-plus-date tour, Repeat Offender.

This is his biggest tour so far and he will be playing to more than 200,000 fans across the UK and Ireland. But he warns his shows are not for the faint-hearted.

"It's not for the easily offended," he said. "It's not even for people that are difficult to offend. Essentially it's for people who are without a moral compass."

Despite having occasionally caused controversy with some of his more politically incorrect jokes, Jimmy makes no apologies for his material.

"In terms of taste and decency I think you can say pretty much anything in a comedy show," he said. "I think being politically correct is important if you are a doctor or a policeman, or doing any of these important jobs in society. But as a comic I say rude things and offensive things and it's not for everyone."

So what can people expect when they come to see one of Jimmy's shows?

"I tour every year and this year it is called Repeat Offender, but for no real reason," he said. "Anyone who has come to see the show before will know that it's just a long list of jokes. It's quite funny, but there's no real theme to it. It does exactly what it says on the tin for a comedy show, which I quite like."

After his show, Jimmy likes to meet his audience. This means that as well as returning to familiar towns and venues, Jimmy has also started recognising some of the regular faces who come to see him.

"When you meet people after a gig, you often meet the same people two years in a row and bizarrely you kind of remember some of them," he said. "It's like 'Oh, hello. Been well?' Or the heckler from last year heckles again. It's quite a nice thing."

This year sees the release of his third stand-up DVD, Comedian. It is the culmination of Jimmy's last two tours, Gag Reflex and Off The Telly, and contains different material to the new tour.

As a comedy fan, Jimmy loves to watch DVDs of his favourite comics – influences such as Stephen Wright and Emo Phillips, or performers he admires such as Dave Chappell and Chris Rock.

"It's a weird thing, but my taste in comedy tends to be far from what I do," he said. "I've been influenced by TV and media – I don't have a great attention span. I get bored quite easily. So the biggest influence on my comedy is boredom."

Jimmy Carr will be at various venues in February, April and May. For full tour details, see [www.jimmycarr.com](http://www.jimmycarr.com).



ON TOUR: Jimmy Carr says his favourite occupation is his live gigs

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Saturday, January 12  
Hazlitt Theatre, Maidstone

A GOTHIC tale of vampirism and lust is explored in Jag Music's Bride of Dracula this weekend.

Jag Dance Academy uses an exhilarating blend of dark drama and Middle Eastern dance to tell the creepy tale.

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Parental guidance is recommended, as some scenes may be unsuitable for children.



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Jag Dance Academy in



Tonbridge Road has classes for all ages, from toddlers to the over-50s, teaching everything from hip hop to ballet. For more details, visit [www.jag-dance.com](http://www.jag-dance.com) or call 01622 685190.

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As director of the world famous Bolshoi Ballet for 30 years, Grigorovich created a spectacular version of the classic Christmas tale.

It follows the adventures of a young girl who is given an enchanted nutcracker doll and transported into a magical world, full of Tchaikovsky's stunning music.

The production has not been seen in the UK since the early 1970s, but Kent-based producer Ellen Kent has secured the exclusive rights to tour the extraordinary 1966 Moscow version.

Starring the outstanding Kristina Terentieva, winner of the Grand Prix International Dance Competition Vienna 2007, it also boasts a 120-strong company and a large live orchestra.

Ellen Kent and Ballet International have brought the updated and revised version, rehearsed by Grigorovich himself for the Chisinau National Ballet, back to ballet fans all over the country.

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## OH! WHAT A NIGHT

Thursday, January 31, to Saturday, February 2  
Orchard Theatre, Dartford

WITH its unashamedly escapist and feel-good outlook, Oh! What A Night is making a welcome return to Dartford.

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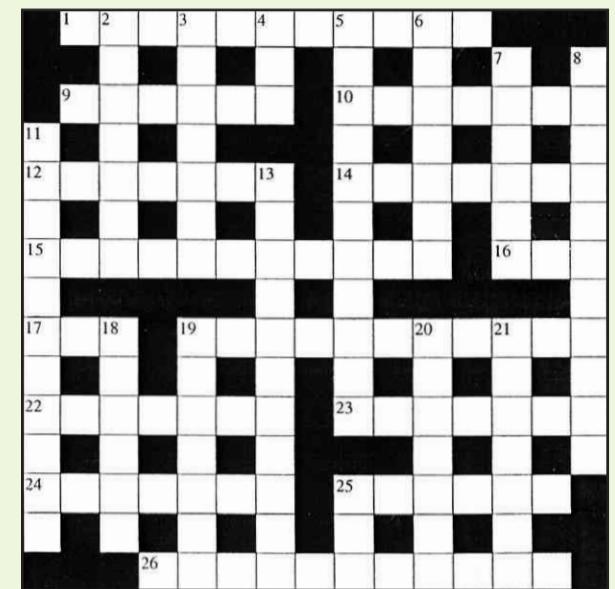
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### CRYPTIC CLUES

#### ACROSS

- 1 Imagine eccentric one of the pack (7-4)
- 9 Roar when ringer gives shout of pain (6)
- 10 Book an exceptional quintet for the author (7)
- 12 Out in a hazardous position over a wing, say (2,1,4)
- 14 One who stirs up has perception reportedly right at the end (7)
- 15 Pain in swallowing (11)
- 16 Dung-beetle of the third order (3)
- 17 Head Office had second-class cooker ring (3)
- 19 Unnamed fagis odd pranks (3,3,5)
- 22 Uncertain pal shortly returns and promises to pay (7)
- 23 Part of salad, let us say (7)
- 24 Goods lost and found on the sea (7)
- 25 Model has disturbed sleep going round pound (6)
- 26 It is not for the first time that one is saving (11)

**DOWN**

- 2 An idler coming from the island (7)
- 3 Counting and recounting (7)
- 4 Street fight (3)
- 5 Dependent on a learner getting qualification first (11)
- 6 Italian stream that can only be crossed once? (7)
- 7 Slid along to find Katharine in South Dakota (6)
- 8 Had too much on? (11)
- 11 Finished quickly, removed gloss (8,3)
- 13 Firm with chaps who are into affairs (11)
- 18 Jack in favour of monkey (6)
- 19 Slovenly woman flies round consuming two eggs (7)
- 20 Prepares before one goes in the race? (4,3)
- 21 Lady left at home feeling weakly sentimental (7)
- 25 Mixed food (3)

### QUICK CLUES

#### ACROSS

- 1 Very simple (2,4,2,3)
- 9 Wading bird (6)
- 10 Method of bowling (7)
- 12 Geometric line (7)
- 14 Lucrative (7)
- 15 Callously (11)
- 16 Fabulous bird (3)
- 17 Early morning moisture (3)
- 19 Game of thumping with cushions (6-5)
- 22 Radioactive element (7)
- 23 Game using a top (7)
- 24 Edinburgh area (7)
- 25 Cotton fabric (6)
- 26 Supposition (11)

**DOWN**

- 2 Grassy plain (7)
- 3 Antique (7)
- 4 In addition (3)
- 5 Scandinavian hors d'oeuvre (11)
- 6 Shortness (7)
- 7 Boss (6)
- 8 Inference (11)
- 11 Quickly (2,3,6)
- 13 Weather (3,8)
- 18 Visible spirit (6)
- 19 More expensive (7)
- 20 Small apartment (7)
- 21 One of the Marx Brothers (7)
- 25 Welsh valley (3)

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## YOUR WEEK'S HOROSCOPE



### AQUARIUS

(Jan 21 - Feb 19)

AN opportunity to make money gives you a chance to spend more time on private pursuits. This comes as a relief, as you were beginning to tire of working with a large group. If someone asks for money, you should either refuse or give it as a gift or your relationship will be permanently damaged. You'll be in much demand over the next eight weeks.



### TAURUS

(Apr 21 - May 21)

THE chance to go on a glamorous vacation could fall into your lap. You may have trouble finding someone to care for a pet or child. Ask a female relative who owes you a favour. If you're looking for work, spend the next two months sending out CVs and setting up interviews. A relative, neighbour, or friend could tip you off to a good position.



### LEO

(July 24 - Aug 23)

YOU'LL feel especially energetic this week, particularly where romance is concerned. It may be impossible to contain your desire for the object of your affection. Resist the urge to buy your way into their affection. Instead, lay your heart at their feet. Partnership issues will take on increased importance over the next two months.



### SCORPIO

(Oct 24 - Nov 22)

CREATIVE inspiration could strike at the strangest time this week. News of a pregnancy comes as a surprise. Although this will mean some changes in lifestyle for you, they will prove pleasant ones. Don't let a friend's gloomy warnings about finances spoil your fun. Talking with relatives could prove productive.



### PISCES

(Feb 20 - Mar 20)

PEOPLE are drawn to your rebellious side. You're glad to be celebrated for your distinction. Usually, it is held against you. A forbidding business or romantic partner may try to take the wind out of your sails. Turn a deaf ear to their warnings. Taking a job just for money will only lead to misery. A new friend could help you find a position more suited to your talents.



### GEMINI

(May 22 - Jun 22)

YOU feel irresistibly drawn to an offbeat authority figure who you could share some passionate evenings this week. Don't rush things though. Sexual sparks don't always translate to domestic harmony. You could get a chance to add to your qualifications between now and mid-March. This additional knowledge will give you more freedom.



### VIRGO

(Aug 24 - Sep 23)

YOU'RE the focus of romantic attention. Your charms have never been more apparent. If you're in a relationship, let your lover wait on you. Normally, you're the one looking to meet their needs. If you're single, you could meet someone special at a dance club, photography exhibit, or movie theatre.



### SAGITTARIUS

(Nov 23 - Dec 21)

YOU'RE earning more money now, which gives you more freedom in your personal life. You may not realise it, but many people envy your situation. Take care not to flaunt your liberty to an authority figure, or you could be unfairly punished. Working on behalf of a humanitarian cause will prove stimulating between now and mid-March.



### ARIES

(Mar 21 - Apr 20)

YOUR career is starting to look up, when you get support from an unexpected source. Your benefactor's input could put you in line for a raise, promotion, or highly-paid job. Some of the duties might be tough, but perform them well and you'll be given more impressive assignments. Spending more time with friends helps relieve tension.



### CANCER

(Jun 23 - Jul 23)

STEPPING out of your comfort zone could put you in the path of romance. You may find work a slog this week, thanks to plodding colleagues. Don't tease them because they will take it the wrong way. The opportunity to broach a sensitive topic with a lover could arise. Discuss money, sex, religion, or other subjects that have brought grief in the past.



### LIBRA

(Sep 24 - Oct 23)

YOU could be given some unusual assignments at work. These jobs bring out the best in you. Your high spirits will have a good effect on your home life. If you're looking for a new abode, you could find one within walking distance of your job. Pay no attention to nagging fears about your communication skills. You'll handle yourself admirably at a fancy party.



### CAPRICORN

(Dec 22 - Jan 20)

WIT, charm, and intelligence characterise everything you do. No wonder it's so easy to make friends. Resist the urge to engage in a secret love affair, or you could hurt an innocent victim. You need to be scrupulously honest in order to maintain the good name you've made for yourself. Ideas for making more money come fast and furious over the next three weeks.

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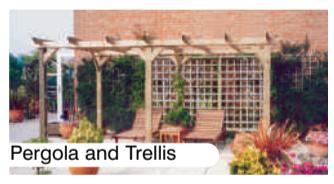


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## PICK OF THE WEEKEND

### BBC one

**FRIDAY: NEW TRICKS (9pm):** Drama series featuring an eccentric group of ex-policemen, brought out of retirement to investigate unsolved crimes.

**SATURDAY: THE ONE AND ONLY (6.25pm):** Graham Norton fronts the latest reality TV show hunting for the UK's best tribute act. Results follow later in the evening.

### BBC TWO

**FRIDAY: LAKESIDE WORLD PROFESSIONAL DARTS CHAMPIONSHIPS (7PM):** Ray Stubbs presents action from the quarter-finals at the Lakeside Country Club.

**SATURDAY: U-571 (9.30pm):** Matthew McConaughey, Bill Paxton and Harvey Keitel star in a World War Two submarine adventure about a US crew sent to capture a Nazi U-boat.

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**FRIDAY: AL MURRAY'S HAPPY HOUR (10pm):** The pub landlord welcomes the likes of James Blunt, Cerys Matthews and Barbara Windsor to join him at the bar.

**SATURDAY: SHAWN OF THE DEAD (9.30pm):** Simon Pegg and Nick Frost dazzle in a classic British movie comedy as zombies take over London. Must-watch entertainment.

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**FRIDAY: BILL BAILEY LIVE: PART TROLL (10.35pm):** Never Mind the Buzzcocks star Bill Bailey performs at the Hammersmith Apollo during his 2004 stand-up tour.

**SATURDAY: SHALLOW HAL (9pm):** Jack Black and Gwyneth Paltrow star in a comedy about a superficial man who finds himself hypnotised by a friend to fall madly in love with a 300lb woman.

### five

**FRIDAY: AS TIME RUNS OUT (3.30pm):** Movie about a millionaire's desperate efforts to get his son back after he is kidnapped.

**SATURDAY: FLASH (4.10pm):** Film drama about a young boy faced with a difficult decision after his cash-strapped dad buys him a horse.

# The building blocks of a Shameless hit

■ BY ANDY WELCH

THE rather un-loved estate where chaotic family drama *Shameless* takes place is not somewhere you'd automatically class as something desirable to recreate.

But the ups and downs of the out-of-control Gallagher family have proved so popular that TV bosses built their own real-life version of the fictitious Chatsworth Estate. The set, which was revealed to the press in April, is now back on our screens as the fifth series rolls on.

During the first four series, the drama was filmed on an estate in Gorton, Manchester, complete with real-life residents in the background and all the problems shooting on location brings with it.

David Threlfall, who, out-of-character, looks a lot smarter than the hapless Frank Gallagher, says: "Having the new set has made things easier. If we were doing outside scenes and it was raining, we can dive inside and do other stuff, assuming the actors are available.

"Having dressing rooms indoors is also deeply appreciated by all concerned," he laughs, referring to the times he's been soaked trying to dodge the Manchester rain while walking from Portacabin to filming location.

He says of *Shameless*: "I had no idea it was going to last as long as it has. My first response when reading the first script was, 'Is this what they're going to shoot or are they going to tone this down?' I'd never read anything like it before. It was so full-on.

"I was offered the part, then given about an hour to make up my mind. I just thought, 'Okay, let's see' – and now here we are



**NO SHAME:** David Threlfall plays Frank, an unemployed, unemployable alcoholic who has captured viewers' hearts

promoting series five, and the longest series we've ever done."

For those unfamiliar with *Shameless*, David's character Frank is an unemployed, unemployable, drug-taking alcoholic. He's been little more than a shadow while his many children have grown up – eight at last count – and is virtually guaranteed not only to miss out on their major achievements in life, but also to scupper any other chances they may have with his shambolic behaviour.

On paper, he's everything a person and father should avoid being, yet despite his flaws, viewers love Frank dearly. So does David: "You have to love every character you play, even if they are vile. A man who headbutts his own children definitely doesn't

have my vote, but it's about their reaction to his behaviour as much as anything. But, let's not forget, this sort of stuff does go on in real life.

"When I first read the part, I said the easiest thing would be to make him the village idiot, the town drunk, but where do you go with that? Nowhere, basically. You have to investigate why he's done it and work out other things about him.

"That's the great thing about Paul Abbott [the show's creator]," he adds. "He gives you space to work out a back-story, and my instinct was that Frank just went missing and took drink up as a mission 25 years ago, after the birth of one of his children."

The first instalment of the new 16-episode run, which aired on New Year's Day, saw David as director and it's something he's keen to continue.

"I'll be helping facilitate new stories and scripts, and getting into that almost industrial process of how the show gets made. I love that side of it all, I absolutely love it," he says, before revealing his own particular method when it comes to directing an episode.

"I like to guide and think about trying different things. I'm very straight, though. We do an episode in 25 days, so there's no time to mess about, but I like to rehearse and get the actors relaxed. We have a lot of fun up there."

Just don't try to get too deep with the characters.

"I don't think it's a show about explaining," he adds. "It is what it is, and if you don't get it, watch something else. I don't mean that in an off-hand way. I just mean it's a drama about people trying to get by, trying to get on in life. But, if you get it, you get it."

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### PETE DOHERTY:

The former Libertines frontman plays Babyshambles hits Carry On Up The Morning and Kilimanjaro and solo effort For Lovers back-to-back during a blistering pre-Christmas performance at the Tap 'n' Tin, Chatham, @ [yourkenttv.co.uk](http://yourkenttv.co.uk)



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**PROTEST:** Hey Eddie is an anti-war protest song.



**C'MON:** Led Zyg cover one of their idols' lesser known efforts.



**STRANGE:** Experimental band Stooftype perform Sgt Danko.

■ BY SIMON ROBINSON

TABLOID favourite Pete Doherty went back to basics at an intimate Chatham gig, taking to the stage with just a guitar and his enviable back catalogue of sing-along smash hits.

The troubled rocker, famed for hitting the headlines for all the wrong reasons, reeled off a string of his best-loved tracks during a storming half hour set at the Tap 'n' Tin, before making way for his boyhood heroes, headliners Chas 'n' Dave.

Pete performed songs from his days with The Libertines, such as Kilimanjaro and Carry On Up The Morning, as well as solo material.

Having whipped the sell-out crowd into a frenzy the famous frontman watched Chas 'n' Dave's set from the side of the stage.

The timeless duo, joined as always by Mick Burt on drums, rattled through all their old hits, including Snooker Loopy, Gertcha, Down to Margate and Rabbit, much to the delight of the largely steel toecap-wearing members of the audience who had made their way to the front.

Having almost exhausted their extensive back catalogue, Chas welcomed Pete back onto the stage for the grand finale, a rousing rendition of Ain't No Pleasin' You.

• A seven-minute clip of Pete's solo performance and a shorter one of Chas 'n' Dave's toe-tapping classics is available online now. Go to [www.yourkenttv.co.uk](http://www.yourkenttv.co.uk).

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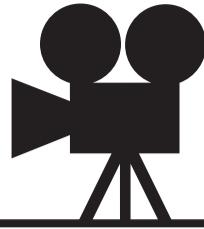
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### I AM LEGEND (15)



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# Lisa returns to the big screen

■ BY ELLIE GENOWER

SINCE leaving the sofas of Central Perk behind, Lisa Kudrow has popped up in a number of small, yet memorable, film roles.

Like her latest role as Denise, the quirky pal of Hilary Swank's Holly in the big screen adaptation of Irish author Cecelia Ahern's chick lit novel, *PS I Love You*.

The film follows Holly, who is in mourning for her happy-go-lucky husband Gerry (Gerard Butler) who died of a brain tumour. Her grief is interrupted by the arrival of letters from Gerry, each with a different request, which he intended her to receive following his death.

Explains Lisa: "When I read the script, I thought it was cruel, not romantic, that he was sending her letters so that she will remember him.

"In that situation it's not very healthy because you can't really move on with your life.

"But then by the end you can see that wasn't really his intention.

"His intention was that she remember herself, through all the things he wanted her to do, and tells her to do in the letters. Go out with a friend, do karaoke, get outside of yourself, don't take yourself so seriously. Remember who you were when I met you."

In the meantime, Holly is faced with the prospect of finding love again with barman Daniel (Harry Connick Jr), while Denise desperately and sometimes tactlessly tries to find a man of her own.

Playing a singleton on the dating scene made Lisa relieved that she is already happily settled.

She's been married to advertising executive Michael Stern for 12 years and they live in Los

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Angeles with their nine-year-old son Julian.

These days, she is content to see acting as a part-time job, having left the demanding hours of the hit sitcom, and later her critically-acclaimed HBO TV series *The Comeback*, behind.

Lisa also had to adjust to life after *Friends*.

"I look back on *Friends* fondly," she says. "We all still keep in touch although we don't see each other a lot.

"I miss certain things about the show, like not being with those people every single day. Matthew Perry is one of the funniest people I've ever met and I miss just cracking up.

"It was a really happy, good experience. And it's done, so we have to just move on. There are no regrets."

Such was its popularity that people still speculate about a *Friends* reunion, or a film version of the show, following in the footsteps of the recent *Sex and the City* movie.



**MOVED ON:** Lisa Kudrow is embracing life after *Friends*

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"I think they should dump the whole idea," says Lisa.

"The writers would have to be on board and then get the six of us on board. And who's going to come up with all that money to talk everyone into doing it?"

"I don't know if it's worth it. Ross and Rachel got together, Phoebe's married, Monica and Chandler moved to Connecticut."

"The series ended. It's not these six people living in New York being there for each other as family. They now have their own families; the story's over."

"Maybe in 30 years, other actors will do *Friends* and it will be a spoof and they'll be making fun of it. But I won't be in it. Or perhaps I'll be a grandma..."

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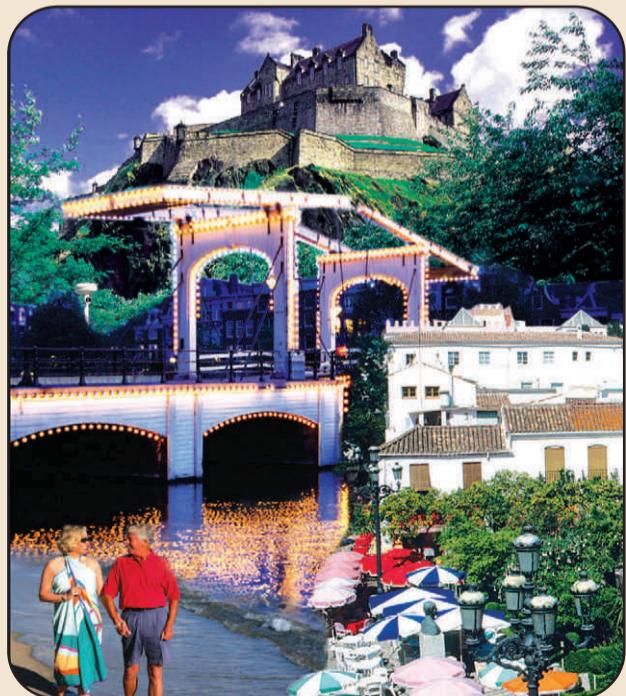
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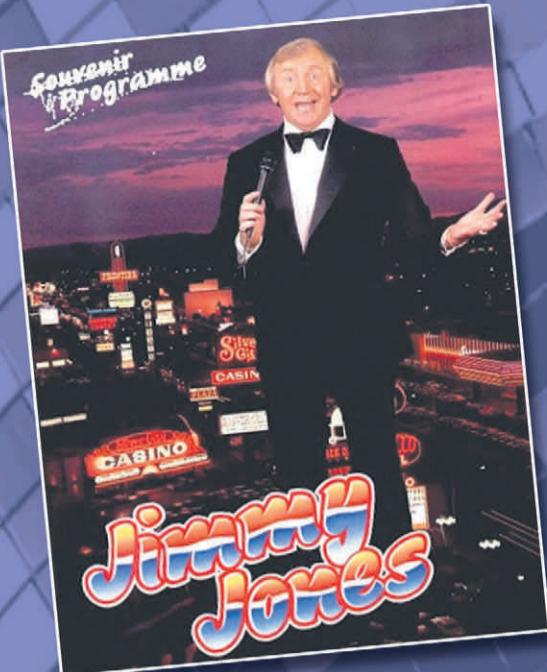
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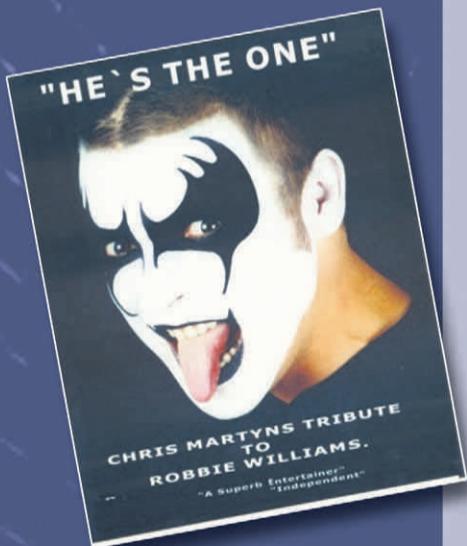
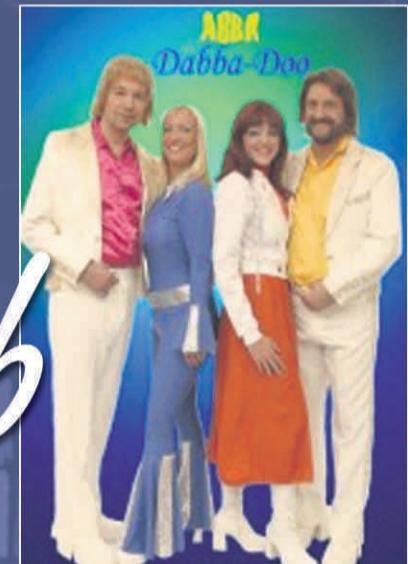
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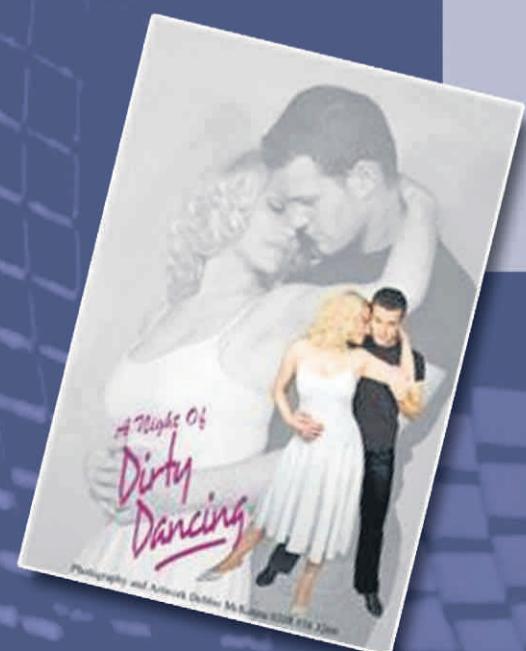


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## Perfect for revitalisation

■ BY LISA HAYNES

WHEN Robbie Williams needed some serious rehab earlier this year, he got out his map of Arizona and checked into Phoenix's Cottonwood clinic.

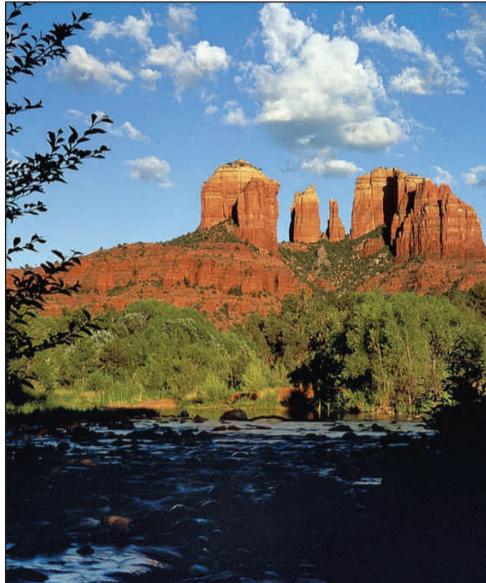
The singer may not have spent his stay scribbling postcards or seeing the sights – but after my week of luxury in Arizona, I'm quite prepared to believe Robbie went home a reformed, more relaxed character.

Newcomers to the Wild West imagine sandy deserts, towering cacti and cowboys, and first impressions won't disappoint – but it does have a few surprises in store.

Arizona divides roughly into three zones: the deserts of the south and west, the mountainous central highlands with volcano-created plains in between, and the northern Colorado Plateau. Its major conurbations, Phoenix and Tucson are in the southern sector and surrounded by the cacti of the Sonoran Desert.

Holidays in Arizona, therefore, mostly attract those who relish the outdoor life: novice horse riders, mountain bikers, and those who savour mighty steaks cooked on a sizzling barbecue as the sun goes down.

Knowing we would experience the scorching heat of summer, we planned a lazier routine. After landing in Phoenix in a dust storm, the journey through cactus-lined streets to the hotel in Scottsdale was soon taking us through Camelback Road, Stetson Drive and Dynamite



**STUNNING:** Breathtaking scenery, shopping centres and spas are changing preconceived notions of Arizona

Boulevard. But morning and daylight soon brought a different perspective to my 'yee-ha!' preconceptions. From my colonial-style casita at The Four Seasons Resort Scottsdale, I was wowed by a surprisingly lush green landscape and mountain terrain.

Yet in the midst of rolling desert, you're only a short car journey away from Scottsdale's bustling and modern downtown art and shopping district, currently undergoing almost

\$3 billion's worth of tourist-friendly development.

Setting off the next day at 6am to beat the midday heat, which can top 40 degrees centigrade in the summer months, we blew away the cobwebs with a hike up nearby Pinnacle Peak and were rewarded with stunning views of the Sonoran Desert from a spectacular vantage point.

After breakfast, it was time for a signature Desert Nectar Facial in the spa of our hotel, the perfect antidote to dusty hikes, before a visit to the ultra-modern Scottsdale Fashion Square to shop. Alternatively, culture vultures can dive into an array of vibrant art galleries, golfing fans have a choice of several superb courses and foodies can revel in award-winning restaurants, from sushi to Old West cuisine – Cowboy Ciao is a favourite with tourists and locals alike.

Scottsdale's Downtown is super-modern, immaculately turned out, and jam-packed with urban appeal. Our next stop, Sedona, could hardly have offered a more dramatic contrast. Famous for its striking red rock formations, Sedona makes an ideal location for a desert retreat because of its reputation as a creative mecca with a New Age feel, boasting spiritual charm and natural beauty.

Wherever you stay, the views will rarely be less than stunning. Even if you don't have the inclination to put on your hiking boots, you can't fail to be moved by Arizona's untouched desert beauty, and the never-ending sunshine.

If he goes there again, I'll wager that Robbie will ditch rehab to find revitalisation of an altogether different kind.

### FACT FILE: ARIZONA

Time difference	UK + seven hours
Currency	Dollar approx 1.98 to £1
Capital	Phoenix
Population	6.1 million
Language	English
Region airport	Phoenix Sky Harbor
Climate	Desert

### Holiday details

Lisa Haynes was a guest of the Arizona Office of Tourism, which has a UK brochure hotline on 020 8741 7256 or online at [www.arizonaguide.com](http://www.arizonaguide.com).

She flew with British Airways from Heathrow to Phoenix. British Airways Holidays offers seven nights' room-only at the four star Royal Palms Resort & Spa in Scottsdale from £1,552, including flights and car hire with Alamo Gold for duration of stay.

British Airways Holidays reservations: 0870 242 1276 and online at [ba.com/holidays](http://ba.com/holidays).



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## BIRTHS

### ALLDIS

Ben and Jay Alldis celebrate the birth of their daughter Amy Dove on 16th December 2007.

### AUSTIN

Caitlin Martha Anne born on 25th December 2007 at Sidcup, weighing 6lb 7oz. Daughter to Graham and Sara Austin of Sevenoaks.

### BOSTOCK

Jason and Amy celebrate the birth of their daughter Juliet Amy born on the 19th December 2007. Mummy and Daddys special little nibbler.

### BRUCE

Liam Thomas born on 20th December 2007, weighing 5lbs 15oz. Son to Tom and Emma in Broadstairs.

### BURRETT

Evie Mae, Mia Marie and Alfie George born on 27th December 2007, weighing 3lbs 4oz, 3lbs 10oz and 3lbs 2oz. Triplets to Laine and Belinda in Ramsgate.

### CLARKE

Clare and David of Canterbury are very proud, and delighted, to announce the birth of their son, Zachary Ashton Clarke, on 27th November 2007.

### COBILL

Lola Naomi born on 23rd December 2007 weighing 8lb 6oz. Daughter to Gavin and Sarah sister to Megan in Tonbridge.

### FARRELL

Rubie Nicola - Jade born on 30th November 2007, weighing 7lb 8oz. Daughter to Simon and Jade in Ramsgate.

### GIGNEY

Nicola Cornish and Clive Gigney are proud to announce to birth of their son Ray Aaron Thomas Gigney, born on 14th December 2007 weighing 9lb 7oz. You are the best Christmas present we could have asked for.

### HALL

Rob and Lisa of Faversham celebrate the birth of their son Elliott Michael Tate on 2nd December 2007. A little brother for MacKenzie.

### HARPER

Eddie Milo born on 27th December 2007 weighing 9lb 1oz to proud parents Mark and Teena of Tunbridge Wells.

### INGRAM

James Stephen Ingram born at Pembury Hospital on 23rd December 2007, weighing 5lb 9oz. Son to Barry and Kaylee of Edenbridge.

### JEFFRIES

Kaitlyn Amanda born on 18th December 2007, weighing 6lb 15oz. Daughter to Ryan and Sara in Margate.

### JEYS

Adam and Charmaine celebrate the birth of their son Elliot William Jeys on 12th December 2007, weighing 7lb 14oz.

### JOSLYN - WARNER

Isabelle born on 24th November 2007,

weighing 6lb 4oz. Daughter to Phil and Nichola in Maidstone. You are the miracle who we will love and treasure forever.

### KENNEDY-SMITH

Jill and Paul would like to announce the arrival of their beautiful twins Jamie and Libby born on the 21st December 2007.

### KNOX

To Ed and Samantha of Bekesbourne, a beautiful daughter, Erin Samantha, born on 2nd December 2007. A new baby sister for Liam, Laura and Ellie.

### LAZELL

Charlie John Lazell born to proud parents John and Lyndsey on 23rd December 2007 weighing 8lb 15oz. Mummy and Daddys special boy.

### MALONE

Cassandra and Michael celebrate the birth of their son Alfie Jude born on the 19th December 2007. Mummy and Daddys special little angel.

### MEADWELL

Albert James Meadwell, born 18th December 2007, to Deborah and James. A brother for Phoebe.

### MEARS

Candice and Terry Mears celebrate the birth of their lovely daughter Keelie Mears. Born on 7th December 2007. A new sister for Harvey and Fynn.

### NORMAN

James Davey Norman born on 17th November 2007, weighing 9lb 8oz. Son to Colin and Karen in Headcorn.

### PALMER

Philip and Lisa Palmer celebrate the birth of their daughter Lola Patricia Palmer on 19th November 2007.

### REEVES

Lexi born on 7th December 2007, weighing 8lbs.4oz. Daughter to Jonathan and Stacey. Sister to Codie and Keya.

### ROLLS

Tony and Jo Rolls of Tonbridge celebrate the birth of their daughter Amy Joanna Rolls on 28th November 2007.

### SIVYER

Jenny and Graham are pleased to announce the safe arrival of James Robert Edward on 14th December 2007, weighing 3lb 13oz.

### SMITH

Michael and Laura are pleased to announce the birth of their beautiful little boy Harrison Christopher Smith on 16th December 2007, weighing 6lb.

### TAYLOR

Susan and Paul are delighted to announce the births of their twins James and Jasmine born on 9th December 2007 at Darent Valley Hospital Dartford.

### TERRY

To Daren and Cerian of Whitstable a beautiful baby daughter, Tia Rose, born on 19th November 2007. A new sister for Harvey and Fynn.

### THURLEY

Dawn and John Thurley of Leybourne celebrate the birth of their daughter Lucy Jean Thurley on 17th December 2007.

### WELLS

Andrew and Tracey Wells of Snodland celebrate the birth of their son Ethan Samuel Thomas Wells on 9th December 2007, weighing 6lb 2oz.

### WHITCOMBE

Faith Neve born 14th December 2007 weighing 7lb 6oz in Canterbury daughter to Alana and Stuart.

### WILLOUGHBY

Bobby and Sue of Whitstable are both pleased and proud to announce the birth of their son, Brook Daniel Willoughby, on 6th December 2007. Brook weighed 8lb 10oz.

## DEATHS

### ASPINALL

In loving memory of Stephen Jeffery, a Wonderful Husband, Dad, Grandad and Great Grandad who fell asleep on 20th December 2007 after a short illness, aged 80 years. Sadly missed by all your Family and Friends. Now with the Angels. From your loving wife Betty and all of your Family.

### BAKER

Eric Arthur of Tonbridge passed away on 21st December 2007.

Loved and missed by Family and Friends. Enquires to Son David 07768 232353

### BRYAN

Dora Bryan sadly passed away on 23rd December 2007.

Funeral service to be held 11.45am on 9th January at Vinters Park Crematorium. All enquiries to Pickard and Beale in Maidstone.

### CLARK

Ann Passed away in Margate Hospital on 23rd December 2007 will be sadly missed by Husband Edgar children and Grandchildren.

### COLEMAN / WINCH

Eileen Alice of Edenbridge passed away peacefully on 28th December 2007. Will be sadly missed by her family and friends.

### HUMPHRIES

Charles of Tunbridge Wells passed away peacefully on 20th December 2007 aged 94

### DICKINSON

Betty Dickinson died peacefully on 22nd December 2007. The service took place at Thanet Crematorium at 12.00pm on Friday 4th January.

### ELDRIDGE

Bernard Eldridge, formerly of Bell Lane in Ditton, passed away on 22nd December 2007, aged 94. Funeral service to be held at Vinters Park

### GREENWOOD

John Greenwood of Whitfield passed away after a short illness at The Pilgrims Hospice, Canterbury on 20th December 2007. All welcome. This will be a celebration of her life, no black please at her request.

### LOFT

Ivy Loft died peacefully on 27th December 2007. Funeral Service at Salvation Army, Gravesend, at 11.15am, cremation at Medway Crematorium at 12.20pm on Tuesday 15th January 2008.

### HARRIS

Kathleen Sarah Mabel Harris died peacefully on 15th December 2007. Funeral service at Thanet Crematorium at 11.20am on 31st December 2007

### HAYWARD

Edith Hayward of Aylesham passed away very suddenly at her home on 17th December 2007. Loved and missed by her family and friends.

### MYRANS

Dorothy Lesley Myrans of Herne Bay passed away peacefully on 20th December 2007. Widow of Harry and loving mother to Sarah, Richard and Harry. Funeral enquiries to A Welch

### ROLLO

John Dunning Rollo of Maidstone passed away on 22nd December 2007. He will be sadly missed by his wife, daughters and grandchildren.

Funeral enquiries to Pickard and Beale Maidstone.

years. Loving husband of Dottie. Funeral enquiries via Hickmotts of Tunbridge Wells

### JARVIS

A loved one is not gone until they are forgotten and to live in the hearts of those left behind is to live forever. Norma Kathleen Jarvis passed away 20th December 2007

### LAMBERT

Penny Lambert of Saltwood Hythe, died 29th December, aged 60. Funeral 16th January at SS Peter and Paul Saltwood at 11.30am. All welcome. This will be a celebration of her life, no black please at her request.

### WARDLE

Tel died suddenly 22nd December 2007 at home in Dover will be sadly missed by his partner Sylvia and son Joe and all who know him Cremation at Hawkinge Crematorium Wednesday 9th January 1.15pm all welcome.

### WATSON

Edna Gladys of Hadlow passed away peacefully on 27th December 2007 aged 77 years. Much loved Mum and Granny will be sadly missed.

### WILDE

Jack Wilde died peacefully at The Heart of Kent Hospice 28th December 2007. Beloved husband of Yvonne Wilde. Its so hard to say Goodbye.

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## PROPERTY NEWS

### Surround yourself with green space

AWARD-WINNING housebuilder Charles Church has raised the roof at a new development of three-storey townhouses.

Medway Gate in Cuxton incorporates new construction materials and design trends to offer spacious living space across different levels for families.

The development includes two, three and four bedroom homes in the heart of the village set in landscaped grounds bordered by chalk cliffs, with prices starting at £195,000.

It includes an abundance of green spaces and conservation areas which have great crested newts and several rare orchids, but also provides good access to the M2 and M25, and Ebbsfleet International Station.

There is a selection of shops, a primary school, a pub and a leisure centre nearby, with Rochester just three miles away.

Denise Rogers, sales manager for Charles Church South East, said: "Three-storey living is fast becoming a versatile phenomenon offering endless benefits to young professionals and growing families."

### Record attention for cottage homes

DEVELOPER Rydon Homes has received a record number of enquiries about cottage-style housing – despite the sales launch not starting until March.

Merchant Mews will see 12 new two and three bedroom homes built in a courtyard just off New Dover Road, a mile from Canterbury city centre.

It will include six different styles of semi-detached and terraced houses to give individuality, with traditional detailing, white-painted brickwork and low-dipping rooflines.

Each cottage will have allocated parking, with three having their own garages.

John Kitchin, managing director of Rydon Homes, said: "The response to Merchant Mews, where prices will be in the region of £435,000, shows how many buyers are looking for a high quality house in an outstanding location.

"We have received so many enquiries that we have set up a sales cabin on site so prospective purchasers are able to take a look at the scheme prior to the sales launch."



STUNNING: Along with improved transport links, coastal locations are proving to be a key factor in influencing the continued rise of house prices in areas of Kent

## Towns to buck the trend with soaring house prices

HOUSE prices across the county are expected to soar this year thanks to improved transport links to both the capital and the Continent.

The prediction has been made by Halifax Estate Agents, which claims the opening of Ebbsfleet International station and further high-speed rail services would raise demand for homes across the county.

Medway and Dartford were singled out for particular prosperity, making the housing experts' top ten property hotspots for 2008.

The average house prices in Chatham and Dartford are £195,000 and £217,000, falling 31 per cent and 24 cent short of the South East average respectively.

Despite forecasting national price growth to be flat this year, Halifax said they expected these towns and the surrounding areas to buck that trend.

■ BY SIMON ROBINSON

Halifax Estate Agents managing director Colin Kemp said: "Some areas will continue to be in high demand next year with property prices rising accordingly despite the expected subdued outlook across the market as a whole.

"The areas likely to record the biggest price gains will tend to be those with a combination of good transport links to a major conurbation and relatively low average prices.

"Chatham and the other Medway towns are likely to record significant house price increases as demand is boosted by the planned opening of high-speed commuter services to central London to north and east Kent in late 2009.

"Dartford and the surrounding area will also see a boost to its property market as a result of the recent opening of Ebbsfleet International."

Kent is anticipated to outperform the South East average, partly due to infrastructure

improvements. Seaside towns are also relatively affordable, which will attract demand from the growing number of residents looking to live near the coast.

Locate in Kent director of marketing and research Mandy Bearne said she agreed with Halifax's forecast.

She said: "There's so much happening in Kent. All our towns have been or are in the process of being completely rejuvenated.

"Through working with developers and builders I know Kent is going to become a much more attractive place to live, being better connected with London and the north.

"London is only 17 minutes away from Ebbsfleet, which will help Dartford, Gravesend and the surrounding areas.

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# Ward & Partners

► Maidstone



**STAPLEHURST £559,000**

- Exclusive Non-Estate 5 Bed. 2 En-Suite
- 3 Receptions. Kit/Breakfast. Utility. Cloak
- Gardens With Delightful Aspect. No Chain

Staplehurst Office 0845 3709 718



**MALTMANS HILL OIEO £550,000**

- Unique Detached House Of Character
- Grounds Nearly 2 Acres. 4 Bedrooms
- Needs Some Upgrading. Huge Potential

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**KINGSWOOD £465,000**

- 4 Bed Detached Home. Village Location
- 3 Receptions. Conservatory. Kit/Breakfast
- Garden. Garage & Parking. No Chain

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**MARDEN £450,000**

- Stunning 5 Bed Extended Family Home
- 3 Receptions. Study. DS Cloaks. Utility
- Master Suite. Excellent Decorative Order

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**PLATTS HEATH £425,000**

- 4 Bedroom Beautifully Presented Home
- 2 En-Suites. Family Bathroom
- Cloakroom. 2 Receptions. Non Estate

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**LOOSE VALLEY OIEO £425,000**

- Extended 3 Bedroom Chalet Bungalow
- Kit/Breakfast. Lounge. Dining Room
- Conservatory. 2 En Suites. Gardens

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**GROVE GREEN £375,000**

- Improved 4 Bed Detached Family Home
- Fitted Kit/Breakfast Room. Conservatory
- Bathroom. En Suite. Double Length Garage

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**KINGS HILL PRICE RANGE £370,000-£385,000**

- 4 Bedroom Semi-Detached Town House
- 2 Receptions. En-Suite. Conservatory
- Kit/Breakfast Room. Balcony With Views

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**WEST MALLING £330,000**

- Detached Lacuna Property
- Four Bedrooms. Lounge/Garden Room
- Kitchen/Breakfast Room

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**KINGS HILL OIEO £320,000**

- 3 Bed End Of Terrace Lacuna Property
- Two Reception Rooms. No Forward Chain
- Gated Parking Plus Garage

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**LOOSE £310,000**

- 3 Bed Converted Coach House. 3 Receptions
- Annex Potential. DS Bedroom & Shower
- Courtyard & Rooftop Terrace Gardens

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**KINGS HILL OIEO £300,000**

- 3 Bed. 3 Storey Semi-Detached Home
- Master Dressing Room & En-Suite
- Lounge/Diner. Garden. ORP

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**ALLINGTON £299,995**

- 3-4 Bed 1930s Cox's Style Semi Detached
- Double Glazing. Gas Fired Central Heating
- Garden. Popular Residential Location

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**UPPER HALLING £295,000**

- 3 Bed Cottage Circa 1829. 2 Receptions
- Kitchen/Breakfast Room Utility
- Large Plot With Ample Parking

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**HARRIETSHAM £290,000**

- 3 Double Bed Detached Family Home
- 2 Receptions. Modern Conservatory
- En-Suite Shower Room. Garden

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**EAST MALLING £289,995**

- 'Shelley' Design 3 Bed Detached Home
- Conservatory Extension. Kitchen. Garage
- Cul-De-Sac Location. Views. No Chain

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**DITTON £285,000**

- Extended 5 Bedroom Semi Detached
- 2 Reception Rooms. Conservatory
- Double Glazing. Cul-De-Sac Location

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**DETLING GUIDE PRICE £280,000-£295,000**

- 1930s Two Bedroom Chalet Bungalow
- Lounge. Dining Room. Kitchen
- Luxury Bathroom. DG. GFCH. Garden

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**Staplehurst** • **Larkfield**



**LARKFIELD** £279,995

- 3 Bed End Of Terrace Town House
- Gas Central Heating. DG. Allocated Parking
- En-Suite Shower. Conservatory. Built 2007

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**BEARSTED** PRICE RANGE £275,000-£300,000

- 3 Bedroom Semi Detached. ORP
- 2 Receptions. Conservatory. Garage
- Secluded Rear Garden. Sought After Location

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**MAIDSTONE** PRICE RANGE £275,000-£295,000

- 3 Bed Det Bungalow. Self Contained Annexe
- Fitted Kitchen & Bathroom. Lounge/Diner
- Garden. Ample Parking. No Chain

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**HEADCORN** £274,950

- 3 Bed Home. Walking Distance Of Village
- DS Shower Room. Plus Bathroom
- Conservatory. Garage. Garden

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**SNODLAND** £269,995

- Extended 4 Bed Semi Detached Home
- 3 Receptions. DS WC. En-Suite Bathroom
- Luxury Kit/Breakfast Room. Parking

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**HEADCORN** £250,000

- Non-Estate 3 Bed Semi. Conservatory
- Very Pretty Secluded Gardens
- Short Walk To Shops & Station

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**SNODLAND** £249,995

- 3 Bed Bungalow On Super Size Plot
- Kit/Diner. Lounge. Spacious En-Suite
- ORP For Several Cars. Fantastic Rear View

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**HORSMONDEN** £249,995

- Spacious 3 Bed Terrace Property
- Cul-De-Sac. Village Location
- Top Of Chain

Paddock Wood Office 0845 3709 718



**PADDOCK WOOD** £245,000

- Three Bedroomed Home
- Very Recently Modernised
- Peaceful Cul-De-Sac Location

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**LOOSE** £245,000

- 2 Double Bed Cottage In Idyllic Location
- First Floor Bathroom. Open Fire. GCH
- Pretty Rear Garden. Views To Front & Rear

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**STAPLEHURST** £243,500

- 3 Bed. Cranbrook School Catchment Area
- Living Room. Fitted Kit/Diner. Conservatory
- Access To Amenities & Mainline Station

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**MAIDSTONE** £239,995

- Refurbished 3 Bed End Of Terrace Home
- ORP. Refitted Kitchen & Bathroom
- Easy Reach Of Town & Station

Maidstone Office 0845 3709 718



**SNODLAND** £235,000

- Extended 5 Bed End Of Terrace Home
- Good Size Lounge. Attractive Kit/Diner
- Parking. Garage

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**LEYBOURNE** £234,995

- Stunning 2 Double Bed Luxury Apartment
- Prestigious Lakeside Development. Parking
- En-Suite. Private Balcony

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**MAIDSTONE** PRICE RANGE £230,000-£240,000

- Refurbished 3 Bed End Of Terrace House
- 2 Receptions. Cellar. Family Garden
- Fitted Kitchen & Bathroom. No Chain!

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**LARKFIELD** £229,995

- Extended 3 Bed Semi
- 18' Lounge. 135' Garden
- Extensive Parking

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**DOWNSWOOD** PRICE RANGE £220,000-£230,000

- 3 Bedroom Semi Detached
- 2 Receptions. Excellent Rear Garden
- Double Glazing. Gas Central Heating

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**PADDOCK WOOD** £215,000

- 2 Bedrommed Semi Detached Home
- Garage. Conservatory. Low Maint Garden
- Pleasant Cul-De-Sac Location

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**MAIDSTONE** £199,995

- 2 Bed Victorian Cottage With Attic Room
- Double Glazing. Gas Fired Central Heating
- Kitchen. Bathroom. Vacant Possession

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**PADDOCK WOOD** £199,995

- 2 Bed House. Double Glazing
- Walking Distance To Local Amenities
- Fitted Kitchen. Parking Space. Workshop

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► Maidstone



**COXHEATH** £195,000

- Extended 2 Bed Semi Detached. ORP
- Living Room. Conservatory. Kitchen
- Utility. GF Shower Room. Rear Garden

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**MAIDSTONE** £189,995

- 2 Bed 1st Floor Conversion Apartment
- Open Plan Fitted Kitchen/Reception Area
- Vaulted Ceilings. Jack & Jill Bathroom

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**LEYBOURNE** £187,950

- Two Bedroom Mid Terrace With Garage
- Well Presented Kitchen And Bathroom
- Popular And Quiet Cul-De-Sac Location

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**TOVIL** PRICE RANGE £180,000-£190,000

- 3 Bedroom Semi Detached House
- Open Plan L Shaped Lounge/Diner. GCH
- DG. Integral Garage. Ample ORP

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**MAIDSTONE** £176,000

- 2 Bedroom 1st Floor Luxury Apartment
- En-Suite Facilities To Master Bedroom
- Spacious Living Room. Fitted Kitchen. ORP

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**MAIDSTONE** £174,995

- 2nd Floor 2 Bedroom Luxury Apartment
- GFCH. DG. Open Plan Lounge/Diner. Kitchen
- Communal Roof Terrace. No Onward Chain

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**BARMING** £174,995

- Refurbished 2 Bed Period Terraced House
- Cellar. Designer Kitchen & Bathroom
- Ideal Location. Near Countryside. Vacant

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**MAIDSTONE** PRICE RANGE £170,000-£180,000

- 2 Bed Flat On 2 Floors. Central Maidstone
- ORP Space. Terraced Garden To Side
- Fully Refurbished. A Must To View

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**ECCLES** £169,995

- Improved & Extended 2 Bed Period Home
- Lounge/Diner. Kitchen Extension. GFCH
- Ground Floor WC. Bathroom. DG. Parking

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**AYLESFORD** £169,995

- Spacious 1st Floor 2 Bed Apartment. Lift
- 2 Secure Underground Parking Spaces
- Double Glazing. Balcony. No Chain

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**MAIDSTONE** PRICE RANGE £165,000-£180,000

- 2 Double Bedroom Penthouse Apartment
- High Ceilings. Large Loft. En-Suite. Views
- High Standard Of Decoration Throughout

Maidstone Office 0845 3709 718



**STAPLEHURST** PRICE RANGE £160,000-£170,000

- 2 Double Bed Modern Terrace. Gardens
- Living Room. Dining Room. Kitchen. Bathroom
- Good Access To Amenities & Station

Staplehurst Office 0845 3709 718



**MAIDSTONE** £159,950

- Victorian 2 Double Bed Mid Terrace. Cellar
- 2 Reception Rooms. Upstairs Bathroom
- Gas Fired Central Heating. Double Glazing

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**WATERINGBURY** £152,500

- Converted One Bedroom First Floor Flat
- Period Grade II Listed Building
- Allocated Car Parking. Communal Garden

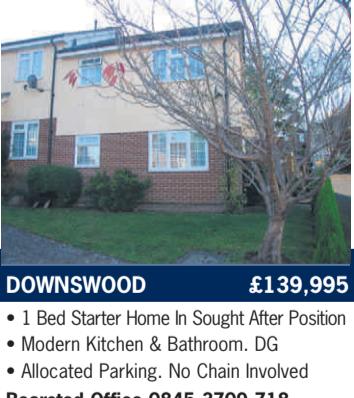
King's Hill Office 0845 3709 718



**SNODLAND** OIEO £140,000

- Attractive 1 Bedroom House
- Secluded Garden. Parking
- No Forward Chain

Snodland Office 0845 3709 718



**DOWNSWOOD** £139,995

- 1 Bed Starter Home In Sought After Position
- Modern Kitchen & Bathroom. DG
- Allocated Parking. No Chain Involved

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**MAIDSTONE** £139,995

- 2 Bed GF Apartment. Electric Storage Heaters
- Fitted Kitchen & Bathroom. Allocated Parking
- Open Plan Living Accommodation. DG

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**PARK WOOD** £95,000

- 2 Bed Ground Floor Flat. No Chain
- DG. Gas Fired Central Heating
- Walking Distance To Shops & Bus

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Larkfield



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**Headcorn**



- 3 Bedroom House
- 2 Receptions, 2 Cellar Rooms
- Planning Permission to Extend\*

Enquire Headcorn

**£299,950**

**Eccles**



- 2 Bedroom End Of Terrace
- Off Road Parking For 2 Cars
- Viewing Essential

Enquire Larkfield

**£164,995**

**Charing Heath**



- 2 Bedroom Country Cottage
- Views to Front & Rear
- Rural Position

Enquire Lenham

**£199,995**

**Maidstone**

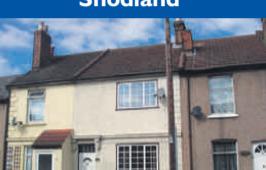


- 4 Bedroom Town House
- Permit Parking
- Requires Updating

Enquire Maidstone

**£189,995**

**Snodland**



- 3 Separate Bedroom Terrace
- Off Road Parking To Rear
- No Onward Chain

Enquire Snodland

**£169,995**

**Kings Hill**

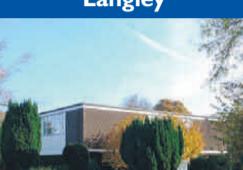


- Luxury Ground Floor Apartment
- Exclusive Development
- Exceptional Specifications

Enquire West Malling

**£315,000**

**Langley**



- Architect Designed House
- Planning Permission to Extend
- 260 x 250 Reception Room

Enquire Headcorn

**£525,000**

**Ditton**



- 3 Bedroom Semi Detached Home
- Extended With No Chain
- Own Garage & Driveway

Enquire Larkfield

**£214,995**

**Lenham Village**



- Extended Family Home
- Three Bedrooms, with Garage
- Cul-de-Sac With Rural Views

Enquire Lenham

**£249,995**

**East Farleigh**

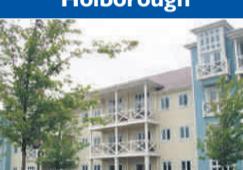


- 3 Bedroom Semi-Detached
- Semi-Rural Location
- Off Road Parking

Enquire Maidstone

**£224,995**

**Holborough**

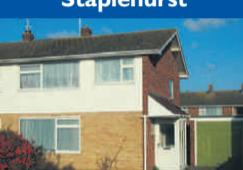


- 2 Bedroom Apartment
- Balcony and Allocated Parking
- En-Suite To Master Bedroom

Enquire Snodland

**£189,995**

**Staplehurst**



- 3 Bedroom Semi-Detached
- Garage & Driveway
- Lounge & Dining Room

Enquire Staplehurst

**£239,995**

**Tenterden**



- Two Double Bedrooms
- 16'9 Reception Room
- Garage & Drive Parking

Enquire Headcorn

**OIRO £210,000**

**Kings Hill**



- 3 Bedroom Semi Detached Home
- Additional Ground Floor Room
- Garage And Parking To Rear

Enquire West Malling

**£299,995**

**Lenham Village**



- Listed Detached Cottage
- Three Bedrooms, Plus Garage
- Stunning Interior

Enquire Lenham

**£439,995**

**Maidstone**



- 3 Bedroom Semi-Detached
- 2 Reception Rooms
- Vacant Possession

Enquire Maidstone

**£210,000**

**Snodland**

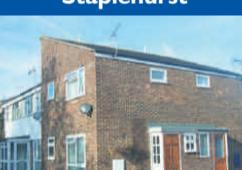


- 3 Bedroom End Of Terrace
- Modern Fitted Bathroom Suite
- Garage and Further Parking

Enquire Snodland

**£199,995**

**Staplehurst**



- One Bedroom Starter Home
- Garage En-Bloc
- Own Separate Garden

Enquire Staplehurst

**OIRO £132,500**

**Larkfield**

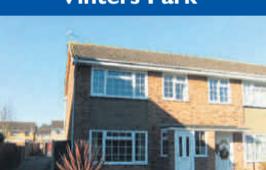


- 3 Bedroom Extended Semi Det
- Tandem Garage & Driveway
- Half Stamp Duty Paid

Enquire Larkfield

**£269,995**

**Vinters Park**

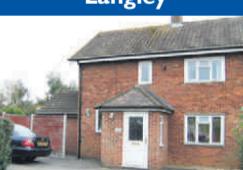


- 3 Bedroom End Of Terrace
- Fitted Kitchen And Bathroom
- Garden And Garage

Enquire Maidstone

**£209,995**

**Langley**



- 3/4 Bedroom Family Home
- Good Quality Fitted Kitchen
- Larger Than Average Gardens

Enquire Headcorn

**£244,950**

**Eccles**



- 2 Bedroom Older Style Terrace
- Front and Rear Extensions
- 2 Receptions Plus No Chain

Enquire Larkfield

**£164,995**

**Staplehurst**



- Extended 3 Bedroom Terrace
- 3 Reception Areas
- Garage En-Bloc & Parking

Enquire Staplehurst

**£225,000**

**Kings Hill**



- Detached 5 Bedroom House
- Private Cul-De-Sac Location
- Double Garage

Enquire West Malling

**£589,995**

**Lenham Village**

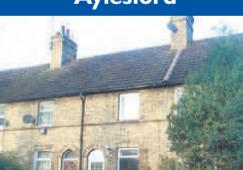


- 1 Bedroom Starter Home
- Garage and Parking
- Close to Village Centre

Enquire Lenham

**£157,500**

**Aylesford**



- 2/3 Bedroom Victorian Cottage
- Extended and Upgraded
- No Forward Chain

Enquire Larkfield

**£169,995**

**Snodland**



- 5 Bedroom Semi Detached Home
- 2 Receptions, Conservatory
- Garage and Driveway

Enquire Snodland

**£314,995**

**Maidstone**



- 1 Bedroom Flat
- Allocated Parking
- No Forward Chain

Enquire Maidstone

**£126,995**

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# Connells

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Four bedroom family home</li> <li>Separate dining room</li> <li>Conservatory</li> <li>Separate shower room</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3/4 bedroom detached house</li> <li>Independently accessed annexe</li> <li>Beautifully maintained gardens</li> <li>Garage and off road parking</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Newly built detached home</li> <li>4 bedrooms, en-suite to master</li> <li>Kitchen with integrated appliances</li> <li>NO ONWARD CHAIN</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Detached family bungalow</li> <li>Gardens leading to river</li> <li>Conservatory, garage &amp; parking</li> <li>NO ONWARD CHAIN</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Three bedroom detached home</li> <li>Lounge, dining room, kitchen</li> <li>Bathroom, gas heating, parking</li> <li>UPDATING REQUIRED</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Four bedroom family home</li> <li>Lounge, dining room, kitchen</li> <li>En-suite to master, bathroom</li> <li>Two tier garden, pleasant outlook</li> </ul>	
Vinters Park	£199,950	Maidstone	£195,000	Maidstone	£185,000	Tovil	£159,950	Tovil	£132,000	Maidstone	£102,995
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Three bedroom family home</li> <li>Popular location</li> <li>Double glazing/ gas heating</li> <li>Garage-en-bloc</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Period terrace home</li> <li>3 bedrooms &amp; family bathroom</li> <li>Lounge, Kit/Bfast room, Study</li> <li>Gas heating. Secluded rear garden</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Two bedroom period terrace home</li> <li>Immaculate condition</li> <li>23' lounge, 21' kitchen</li> <li>Close to Town Centre</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Two bedroom starter home</li> <li>Kitchen, Bathroom, Reception room</li> <li>Private rear garden</li> <li>NO ONWARD CHAIN</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Two bedroom starter home</li> <li>Kitchen, Bathroom, Reception room</li> <li>Private rear garden</li> <li>NO ONWARD CHAIN</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ample Parking</li> <li>Security intercom system</li> <li>Communal garden</li> <li>Residents lounge</li> </ul>	

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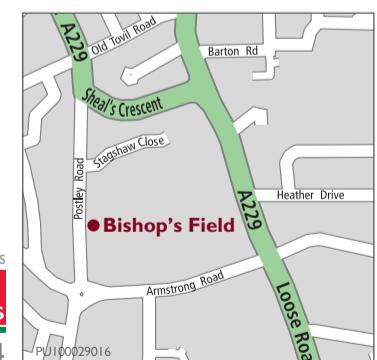
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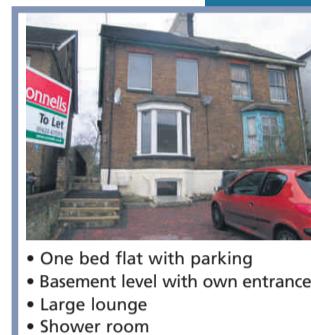
- One bedroom flat with parking
- Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Available FEB

Sittingbourne £550pcm



- Lovely house with 2 bedrooms
- Rear garden
- Lounge/kitchen
- Conservatory

Maidstone £575pcm



- One bed flat with parking
- Basement level with own entrance
- Large lounge
- Shower room

Maidstone £620pcm



- One bedroom first floor flat
- Kitchen with integrated appliances
- Allocated parking
- Bathroom with shower

Maidstone £625pcm



- 2 bedrooms apartment
- Modern fitted kitchen
- Parking for 1 car
- Garage

Maidstone £725pcm



- 2 bedroom apartment
- Ensuite shower room to master
- Allocated parking
- Fitted kitchen with appliances

Barming £750pcm



- 2 bedroom 2nd floor apartment
- Ensuite shower room to master
- Allocated parking
- Lovely views over orchards

Maidstone £750pcm



- 2 bedrooms ground floor flat
- Ensuite shower room to master
- Allocated parking
- Fitted wardrobes

Downswood £775pcm



- 2 bed house with upstairs bathroom
- Lounge/diner
- Modern fitted kitchen
- Gardens – semi rural location

Barming £795pcm



- 3 bed terrace house in popular road
- Just refurbished
- Lounge and dining room
- Good sized bedrooms

Tovil Green £795pcm



- 3 bedroom semi in good location
- Well presented throughout
- Rear enclosed garden
- Kitchen with appliances

Bearsted £795pcm



- 2 bedroom family house
- Fitted kitchen with oven and hob
- Garden at rear
- Garage and shed

Maidstone £825pcm



- 3 bed detached house with garage
- Ensuite to master bedroom
- Fitted kitchen with appliances
- Cul de sac location

Maidstone £850pcm



- Brand New Apartment
- Double and single bedrooms
- Open plan kitchen/living room
- Bathroom & en suite shower room

Barming £950pcm



- 3/4 bed house near Hospital
- Lounge/study/large kitchen diner
- Conservatory and decked garden
- Good amount of parking

Tovil £1200pcm



- 4 bedrooms, good storage
- En suite to master bedroom
- Fitted kitchen with appliances
- Off road parking and garage

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Lovely executive apartment in crescent shaped building by River Medway situated in the town centre. Near to Blue Bell Hill, M20 and M2 motorways and near to Maidstone East and West Station.

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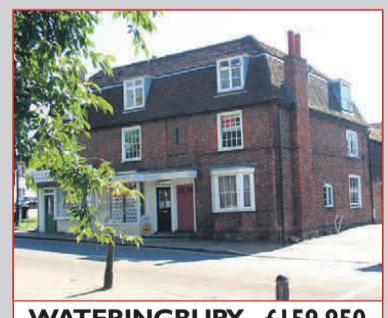
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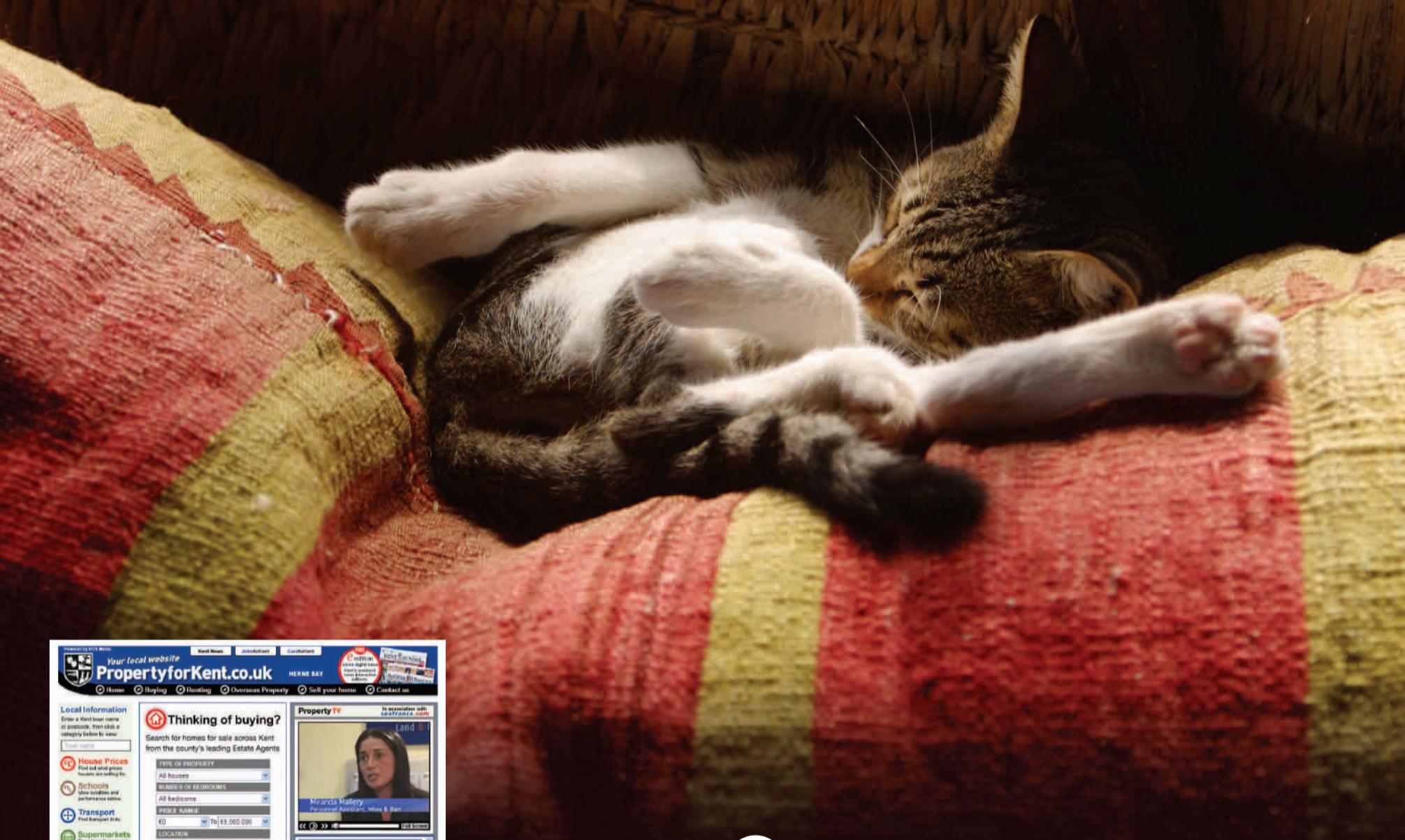
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## MOTORS NEWS



### Barretts' top three slot in Land Rover 'tech trek'

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The podium finish and 'best driving and winching team' award for (left to right) parts specialist Peter Bourlet, service manager David Parkin and technician Terry Law was achieved against 125 teams.

The challenge comprised off-roading, mountain biking, bridge building, navigation, quizzes, a slalom canoe race and a 'zip wire' ride.



### Loyal Skoda dealer joins January sales

SALE shoppers at Gillingham's Hempstead Valley Centre can see some of the latest products from Skoda – the motor market's most improved brand – from next Monday to Friday (January 14-19).

Locally based Sherlodge Garage is one of Skoda's longest serving UK dealers and has seen the Czech firm – now owned by Germany's VW – reborn as a champion of modern yet still affordable cars. The Sherlodge stand outside Marks and Spencer includes the all-new Fabia supermini, Roomster Scout mini-MPV (pictured) and family-size Octavia hatchback.



### Happy Nissan New Year

NISSAN dealers across Kent have started 2008 with a bang with cracking deals on top models, including the brand's big new hit – the Qashqai crossover model.

Part SUV (sports utility vehicle) and part family hatch, the Sunderland-built Qashqai is available in both front-wheel drive or 4x4 format and with engines to suit all needs and though Nissan has struggled to meet demand, it is offering a three-year zero per cent finance deal on the range and packages on other key models.



**SMALL AND COMPACT:** The Mitsubishi iCar is marketed at the iPod generation who have a greener conscience and also signals things to come for car use in the future

# Mitsubishi's city baby poses an image problem

MITSUBISHI has an image dilemma.

Having hewn a niche as a supplier of rough tough 4x4s and the wannabe cowboys' pin-up, the L200 pick-up, it is fast becoming a champion of 'small is beautiful' too.

Following up on the excellent Colt supermini, the Japanese marque launched the futuristic iCar last year, but either underestimated demand, couldn't import enough or shied away from causing further confusion about its image.

Whatever the answer, the initial import of 300 iCars was snapped up and Mitsubishi plans to bring in 1,500 this year, though this still looks conservative.

Part of the problem is that it cannot meet home market demand for the iCar, fuelled by a name intended to appeal to the iPod generation and its greener conscience.

OK, it is expensive at £9,084 and not particularly great to drive, but the iCar moves four in comfort with decent headroom and baggage space and nips into tiny spaces, outdoing the smart fortwo city car where smaller dimensions are achieved at the cost of two seats.

## ROAD TEST

### MITSUBISHI iCAR

■ BY STEVE LOADER

#### STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Green rating	★★★★★

Like the smart, the iCar has a rear-mounted engine driving the rear wheels through an auto box, but a longer wheelbase makes it better at ironing out uneven roads.

The 0-62mph 'sprint' is not bad at 14.9 seconds, but the engine is raucous under pressure and the auto gearshifting ragged, although this can be smoothed using manual selection for 2nd and 3rd and also offers better control in tricky conditions.

Averaging 55mpg is also not that impressive – the excellent Fiat Panda is far better value, calls for fewer compromises and is not shamed by the iCar's consumption figure.

Other niggles need to be addressed, such as the fiddly dashboard immobiliser/alarm control and temperamental MP3 connection – a machine called the iCar had to be iPod compatible didn't it?

Nevertheless, the teardrop-shape iCar is a brave effort and signals things to come for car use; Mitsubishi plans a zero-emission electric version for 2009 with a 100-mile range and a 20-minute recharge to 80 per cent of full power – with Government subsidies, it could cost £12,765.

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Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Quality	★★★★★

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#### STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
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#### STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
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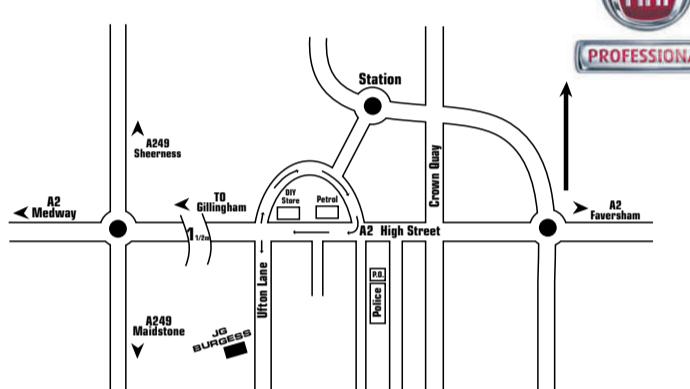


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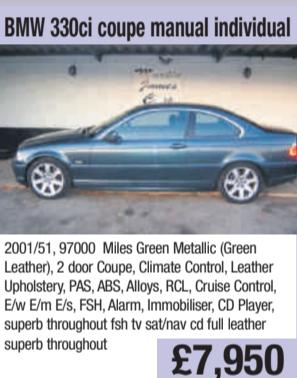
2003/03, 59900 Miles Silver (Black Leather), 2 door Convertible, Climate Control, Leather Upholstery, Power Hood, PAS, ABS, Alloys, RCL, Cruise Control, E/w E/m E/s, FSH, Alarm, Immobiliser, CD Player, Sports Pack, Body Kit, superb, special exhaust system m3 exhaust

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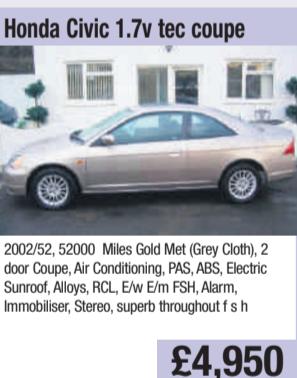
2001/51, 97000 Miles Green Metallic (Green Leather), 2 door Coupe, Climate Control, Leather Upholstery, PAS, ABS, Alloys, RCL, Cruise Control, E/w E/m E/s, FSH, Alarm, Immobiliser, CD Player, superb throughout

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2002/52, 62000 7 seats ix model, Miles Red Metallic (Grey Cloth), 5 door Estate Automatic, Air Conditioning, PAS, ABS, RCL, E/w E/m FSH, Alarm, Immobiliser, CD Player, superb throughout

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2003/03, 62000 Miles Green Black Met (Grey Leather), 4 door Saloon Automatic, Climate Control, Leather Upholstery, PAS, ABS, Electric Sunroof, Alloys, RCL, Cruise Control, E/w, E/m, E/s, 1 Owner, FSH, Alarm, Immobiliser, CD Changer, Stereo, +more

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2004/04, 66000 Miles Tanzanite Blue (Beige Leather), 2 door Coupe Automatic, Climate Control, Leather Upholstery, PAS, ABS, Electric Sunroof, Alloys, RCL, Cruise Control, E/w E/m E/s, FSH, Alarm, Immobiliser, CD Changer, Stereo, sat/nav dwd facelift model 5 main dealer services superb at

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Y	2001	FABIA COMFORT 1.4 MPI	44K	DIAMOND SILVER	£4,490	07	2007	ROOMSTER 2.1 6.16V	10K	OCEAN BLUE	£11,490
03	2003	FABIA COMFORT 1.4 MPI	19K	CANVAS WHITE	£5,690	07	2007	ROOMSTER 2.1 6.16V	10K	ANTHRACITE GREY	£12,290
04	2004	FABIA COMFORT 1.4 16V	48K	ADMIRAL BLUE	£6,090	07	2007	ROOMSTER 3.1 4.16V	3K	FLAMENCO RED	£12,290
05	2005	FABIA AMBIENTE 1.4 16V	29K	GRAPHITE GREY	£6,990	07	2007	ROOMSTER 3.1 4.16V	3K	OCEAN BLUE	£11,490
06	2006	FABIA AMBIENTE 1.4 16V	29K	CORRIDA RED	£6,990	07	2007	OCTAVIA CLASSIC 1.9 TDI	16K	GRAPHITE GREY	£7,990
07	2007	FABIA VRS 1.9 TDI	5K	CORRIDA RED	£11,490	07	2007	OCTAVIA CLASSIC 1.9 TDI	10K	CANDY WHITE	£11,990
08	2006	FABIA ELEGANCE 1.4 16V	29K	HIGHLAND GREEN	£8,490	07	2007	OCTAVIA AMBIENTE 1.9 TDI	10K	DIAMOND SILVER	£11,490
09	2005	FABIA ELEGANCE 1.9 TDI	24K	DIAMOND SILVER	£8,990	07	2007	OCTAVIA AMBIENTE 2.0 FSI	3K	SATIN GREY	£12,490
10	2003	FABIA BLUELINE 1.2 12V	31K	ADMIRAL BLUE	£5,790	07	2007	OCTAVIA AMBIENTE 1.9 TDI	31K	STONE GREY	£12,490
11	2005	FABIA VRS 1.9 TDI	27K	BLACK MAGIC	£9,990	07	2007	OCTAVIA AMBIENTE 1.9 TDI	27K	CHIARO GREY	£9,990
12	2006	FABIA VRS 1.9 TDI	11K	CORRIDA RED	£10,990	07	2007	OCTAVIA AMBIENTE 1.9 TDI	29K	BLACK MAGIC	£12,490
13	2007	FABIA VRS 1.9 TDI	5K	FLAMENCO RED	£8,990	07	2007	OCTAVIA AMBIENTE 1.9 TDI	5K	STORM BLUE	£14,490
14	2007	FABIA 1.2 12V	1K	SATIN GREY	£8,990	07	2007	OCTAVIA AMBIENTE 1.9 TDI	3K	STORM BLUE	£14,490
15	2007	FABIA 1.2 12V	1K	FLAMENCO RED	£8,990	07	2007	OCTAVIA ELEGANCE 1.9 TDI	71K	MAGIC BLACK	£5,990
16	2007	FABIA 1.2 12V	2K	BLACK MAGIC	£10,490	07	2007	OCTAVIA ELEGANCE 1.9 TDI	22K	MAGIC BLACK	£9,490
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YEAR	REG	MODEL	ENGINE	DOORS	COLOUR	MILEAGE	£	YEAR	REG	MODEL	ENGINE	DOORS	COLOUR	MILEAGE	£								
<b>CORSA</b>																							
2001	Y*	Corsa Club	1.0	3	Atlantis blue	50,375	£2,995	2005	54	Meriva Breeze CDTi	1.7D	5	Silver lightening	38,000	£7,495								
2005	05	Corsa Breeze	1.0	5	Silver lightening	34,825	£5,495	2007	57	Meriva Energy	1.4	5	Silver lightening	Delivery	£8,995								
2006	06	Corsa Design	1.2	5	Ultra blue	24,575	£6,695	2007	57	Meriva Energy	1.4	5	Star silver	Delivery	£8,995								
2006	56	Corsa Sxi CDTi	1.3D	3	Star silver	6,923	£7,995	2001	Y*	Zafira Comfort	1.6	5	Star silver	54,400	£4,795								
2006	56	Corsa Active	1.2	3	Silver	2,100	£7,695	2003	03*	Zafira Club	1.6	5	Mirage	65,650	£5,195								
2006	56	Corsa Sxi +	1.4	3	Star silver	2,080	£7,495	2006	55	Zafira Design	1.8	5	Star silver	26,300	£10,495								
2006	56	Corsa Sxi +	1.4	3	Ultra blue	5,500	£7,495	2006	06	Zafira Design CDTi Auto	1.9D	5	Black sapphire	16,890	£13,695								
2006	56	Corsa Design	1.2	3	Star silver	6,200	£7,295	2003	53*	Renault Scenic Fidji	1.4	5	Metallic blue	34,500	£4,795								
2007	56	Corsa Sxi +	1.4	3	Silver lightening	3,250	£7,795	2001	Y*	Focus Zetec Estate	1.6	5	Metallic green	73,800	£3,995								
2007	07	New Corsa Club Auto	1.4	5	Star silver	8,925	£9,995	2005	05	Corsa Energy	1.0	5	Flame red	13,000	£5,695								
2007	07	New Corsa Club	1.4	5	Star silver	5,800	£9,250	2007	56	Corsa Sxi	1.2	5	Black sapphire	15,000	£7,295								
2007	07	Corsa Club CDTi	1.3D	3	Star silver	5,050	£8,995	2007	07	New Corsa Design	1.2	5	Black sapphire	TBA	£9,495								
<b>VECTRA</b>																							
2002	02*	Vectra Ls	1.8	5	Premium blue	71,985	£3,995	2007	07	New Corsa Club CDTi A/c	1.3D	5	Silver lightening	TBA	£9,495								
2005	55	Vectra Breeze Estate	1.8	5	Black	12,450	£8,695	2007	07	New Corsa Sxi CDTi A/c	1.3D	5	Star silver	TBA	£10,495								
2006	06	Vectra Exclusiv	1.8	5	Black sapphire	14,900	£9,295	2007	07	New Corsa Club Auto A/c	1.4	5	Lancelot	TBA	£9,995								
2007	07	Vectra Exclusiv	1.8	5	Ultra blue	2,500	£10,995	2003	03	Vectra Ls	1.8	5	Bamboo	46,000	£5,195								
2007	07	Vectra CDTi Exclusiv Est	1.9	5	Metro blue	12,050	£12,995	2004	54	Astra Sxi	1.6	5	Star silver	17,000	£7,495								
2007	07	Vectra Sri CDTi (150ps)	1.9D	5	Black sapphire	8,750	£17,695	2004	54	Astra Sxi	1.6	5	Flamer red	34,000	£7,995								
<b>SIGNUM</b>																							
2003	03*	Signum Elegance	2.2	5	Oyster	50,375	£6,995	2007	07	Vivaro	1.9 D	5	White	9,400	£10,995+VAT								
2003	53	Signum Elegance Auto	2.2	5	Star silver	36,500	£7,995	2007	07	Combo	1.3CDTi	5	White	13,600	£7,995+VAT								
2004	04	Signum Elegance Auto	2.2	5	Silver	34,850	£8,695	2007	07	Astravan	1.3 CD Ti	5	White	Delivery	£7,995+VAT								
2005	55	Signum Exclusive	2.2	5	Grey	33,100	£9,695	2006	56	Movano	2.5 CDTi	5	Silver	3,000	£14,350+VAT								
2007	07	Signum Design CDTi Auto	1.9D	5	Pannacotta	6,350	£16,995	<b>DEMONSTRATORS</b>															
<b>ASTRA</b>																							
2002	02*	Astra Comfort Auto	1.6	5	Nocturno blue	27,700	£3,995	2007	07	Corsavan	1.3 CDTi	5	White	Delivery	£7,995+VAT								
2004	54	New Astra Club E/T	1.6	5	Papyrus	16,000	£7,495	2006	56	Astravan	1.3 CDTi	5	White	Delivery	£7,495+VAT								
2004	54	New Astra Club	1.6	5	Black sapphire	29,450	£7,495	2007	07	Combo	1.3D	5	White	Delivery	£8,495+VAT								
2005	05	New Astra Estate Design	1.8	5	Breeze blue	33,700	£8,695	2007	07	Combo	1.3CDTi	5	White	Delivery	£8,495+VAT								
2005	55	New Astra Active CDTi	1.3D	5	Red	22,800	£8,395	2007	57	Vivaro	1.9D	5	White	Delivery	£13,595+VAT								
2005	55	New Astra Sxi	1.6	5	Silver lightening	11,680	£8,495	2007	07	Movano	2.5 CDTi	5	Silver	Delivery	£14,995+VAT								
2006	56	New Astra Sxi Sports hatch	1.4	3	Black sapphire	11,225	£10,495	2001	Y*	Movano	2.2 DTi	5	White	72,500	£4,995+VAT								
2007	07	New Astra Club	1.6	5	Pannacotta	9,800	£9,995	2006	56	Astravan	1.3 CDTi	5	White	9,800	£6,995+VAT								
2007	07	New Astra Sxi CDTi	1.7D	5	Star silver	7,550	£10,995	2007	07	Combo	1.7 CDTi	5	Star silver	5,050	£7,995+VAT								
2007	07	New Astra Club CDTi	1.7D	5	Silver lightening	7,950	£10,995	2006	56	Combo	1.3 CDTi	5	White	10,260	£7,495+VAT								
2007	57	Astra Energy	1.4	5	Star silver	Delivery	£9,495	2007	57	Vivaro	1.9 DTi	5	White	50,500	£4,995+VAT								
2007	57	Astra Energy	1.4	5	Silver lightening	Delivery	£9,495	2006	56	Vivaro	1.9D CDTi	5	Red	22,900	£11,995+VAT								
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156, 1.8 T SPARK, 2000, v, 2000/v, 67759 miles red, 4 door saloon, pas, abs, alarm, metallic burgundy, £2795, Riviera Car Sales, Folkestone, 01303 242442 (TRADE)

156, 1.8 T SPARK, 2000, red, 67759 miles, £2795, County Car Sales, Dover, 01304 242324 (TRADE)

**AUDI**

A4, estate 2.4 auto, 2003, 48000 miles, £9950, Martin James Cars, Kent, 01795426700 (TRADE)

A4, 2.5 Quattro Sport 6 speed manual, 2003, grey £9950, County Car Sales, Dover, 01304 242324 (TRADE)

TT COUPE, 3.2 auto, 2003, blue metallic with beige leather, £13950, Martin James Cars, Kent, 01795426700 (TRADE)

**BENTLEY**

CONTINENTAL GT, 2005, arena red metallic with saddle leather interior, 28000 miles, £64950, Martin James Cars, Kent, 01795426700 (TRADE)

**BMW**

3 SERIES, 323i, 254461, central locking, full leather, electric front windows, cd player, 17" alloys, montral blue met, £5999, Marshams, Maidstone, 01622 200 100 (TRADE)

3 SERIES, 1.6i Saloon 4d 1596cc, i316hmo, mot 11/04/08 good runner, green, miles, £695.00, DCD Autos, Ashford, 01233 642211 (TRADE)

3 SERIES, 325ci coupe manual, 2002, topaz blue met with anthracite cloth and leather, 49000 miles, £9500, Martin James Cars, Kent, 01795426700 (TRADE)

3 SERIES, 335i coupe automatic, 2006, silver met with black leather, 8000 miles, £29500, Martin James Cars, Kent, 01795426700 (TRADE)

3 SERIES, 325ci convertible auto, 2003, siver with black leather, 59900 miles, £14950, Martin James Cars, Kent, 01795426700 (TRADE)

3 SERIES, 330ci coupe manual individual, 2001, green metallic with green leather, 97000 miles, £8950, Martin James Cars, Kent, 01795426700 (TRADE)

3 SERIES, 318ise, 2001, silver met with grey cloth, 96000 miles, £5950, Martin James Cars, Kent, 01795426700 (TRADE)

**CITROEN**

C1, 1.0i Rhythym 5dr, 2007, hatch, carline grey, £7495, Masters Citroen, Penge, 0208 659 0909 (TRADE)

C1, 1.0i Cool 5dr, 2007, hatch special edition, white, £6995, Masters Citroen, Penge, 0208 659 0909 (TRADE)

C2, 1.1i SX 3dr, 2004, 1.1i sx 3dr hatch, black, £5495, Masters Citroen, Penge, 0208 659 0909 (TRADE)

**DAEWOO**

DAEWOO NUBIRA 4 door saloon, 06 2000, 1.6 p se mot july 08, 0 miles, £500, Beaver Commercials, Ashford, 01233 634763 (TRADE)

**FORD**

KA, Style, 02, Ford KA Style 2002, colour black/bumpers, mileage 47528, mot 1 year until dec08, tax up to may08 2 lady owners, contact mob 07837895572, black, 47528 miles, £2250, Rochester, 01364317348 (PRIVATE)

FIESTA, 1.25 Style 5dr, red, 12454 miles, £6999, AutoPlanet Maidstone, Maidstone, 0845 871 5185 (TRADE)

FIESTA, Style 1.4i Climate, 2005, moondust silver with charcoal special trim, 35000 miles, £5995, IJM Motors, Strood, 01634 296688 (TRADE)

FIESTA, Style 1.4 Tdci, 2005, aqua blue metallic with charcoal special trim, 40000 miles, £5695, IJM Motors, Strood, 01634 296688 (TRADE)

FIESTA, Style 1.4i, 2005, moondust silver, 355495, IJM Motors, Strood, 01634 296688 (TRADE)

FIESTA, 1.4 zetec, 2005, moondust silver with black / charcoal, 32700 miles, £5495, IJM Motors, Strood, 01634 296688 (TRADE)

FIESTA, 1.25 Style, 2005, moondust silver, 8400 miles, £5995, CB Motors, Tenterden, 01580 765011 (TRADE)

FIESTA, 1.25 Zetec Climate, 2005, colorado red, £6495, CB Motors, Tenterden, 01580 765011 (TRADE)

FIESTA, 1.25 Finesse, 2004, aquarius, 21800 miles, £4995, CB Motors, Tenterden, 01580 765011 (TRADE)

FIESTA, 1.4 Zetec Climate, 2007, tonic, 7500 miles, £7995, CB Motors, Tenterden, 01580 765011 (TRADE)

FIESTA, 1.4 Tdci New model, 2005, moondust silver with charcoal/blue trim, 40000 miles, £6495, IJM Motors, Strood, 01634 296688 (TRADE)

FIESTA, 1.25 Style Climate, 2007, moondust silver, 0 miles, £7995, CB Motors, Tenterden, 01580 765011 (TRADE)

**HONDA**

ACCORD, 2.0 SE Saloon 4dr VTEC, £3,995, Cheriton Motor House, Folkestone, 01303 275795 (TRADE)

**HYUNDAI**

ACCENT, Alantic 1.4 Auto, blue onyx, 2007, 5000 miles, automatic, petrol, 3 doors, 1 previous owners, blue, £7995, Drake & Fletcher Hyundai, Ashford, 0845 389 1214 (TRADE)

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TOOPER, Swb DT Light 4x4 Utility, ad53 mwy, central locking, electric front windows, cloth upholstery, air conditioning, red, 68200 miles, £5695, Kings Highway Garage Ltd, Plumstead, 020 8855 4000 (TRADE)

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S-TYPE, V6 Auto, ls03 ksx, remote central locking, remote alarm, front fog lamps, parking sensor, traction control, air conditioning, cruise control, abs, trip computer, centre armrest, alloy wheels, blue, 58700 miles, £9995, Kings Highway Garage Ltd, Plumstead, 020 8855 4000 (TRADE)

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CARENS, 2.0 CRDI LX 5dr, blue, 35265 miles, £4799, Invicta Motors, Canterbury, 08444 992321 (TRADE)

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DEFENDER, 110 TDI High Capacity, 10634054, power steering, tow pack, 4x4, truckman top, £7995, Diesel Centre, Staplehurst, 01580 890333 (TRADE)

**MAZDA**

323, Lxi 5dr, 5504079, rear wash/wipe, rear headrests, rear spoiler, abs, power steering, cloth upholstery, red, 30000 miles, £4495, Kings Highway Garage Ltd, Plumstead, 020 8855 4000 (TRADE)

**MERCEDES-BENZ**

230 SPORT KOMPRESSOR, 1998, fantastic car with full ivory leather interior full sport pack. ilac/blue, £6699.00, Bob Fisher Garage, Ashford, 01303 814131 (TRADE)

C CLASS, C200K Avantgarde SE 4dr Auto, 05/11/2003, abs, silver, 20943 miles, £11999, Invicta Motors, Ashford, 01233 504400 (TRADE)

**MG**

MGF F1 Sports, 10011578, red, 73008 miles, £2595, Saunders Abbott, Sidcup, 020 8300 2450 (TRADE)

TF, 135 Sprint, 277649, mg tf 135 sprint mazda maidstone drake & fletcher silver, 2003, 37500 miles, manual, petrol, 2 doors, 1 previous owners, silver, £5489, Drake & Fletcher Mazda, Maidstone, 0845 130 3275 (TRADE)

TF, Convertible 1.8 135 16v, 276649, metallic paintwork, mg tf 2003 convertible 1.8 135 16v manual petrol honda honda ashford drake & fletcher silver metallic, 2003, 22759 miles, manual, petrol, 2 doors, 3 previous owners, silver, £6850, Drake and Fletcher Honda, Ashford, 0845 371 0201 (TRADE)

ZR, 105+ 5dr, gu54 eux, front fog lamps, rear spoiler, half leather, sports seats, remote central locking, remote alarm, immobiliser, height adjustable seat, air conditioning, air bag, abs, electric front windows, electric mirrors, alloy wheels, black, 40300 miles, £5495, Kings Highway Garage Ltd, Plumstead, 020 8855 4000 (TRADE)

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COOPER, 3dr, remote alarm, cloth upholstery, power steering, electric front windows, abs, air bag, head restraints, cd player, stereo, electric mirrors, central locking, anti-theft system, 15" alloys, chilli red / black roof, 33000 miles, £7499, Marshams, Maidstone, 01622 200 100 (TRADE)

**NISSAN**

ALMERA 1.8, 2002, grey, 42850 miles, £3995, Morris Forshaw, Maidstone, 01622 750 442 (TRADE)

ALMERA SE, Tino 2.0 CVT, 2002, blue, 43701 miles, £4495, Morris Forshaw, Maidstone, 01622 750 442 (TRADE)

**PEUGEOT**

206, LX 1.4, 2000, silver with charcoal special trim, 58000 miles, £2995, IJM Motors, Strood, 01634 296688 (TRADE)

206, 1.4 S, 2004, metallic silver, 45000 miles, £2495, CB Motors, Tenterden, 01580 765011 (TRADE)

206, GLX, 1999, silver, 62043 miles, £2695, County Car Sales, Dover, 01304 242324 (TRADE)

206, LX 2001, silver, 49327 miles, £3250, County Car Sales, Dover, 01304 242324 (TRADE)

206, 1.4 LX, 2000, insurance group 4 air conditioning audio remote control body coloured bumpers drivers airbag folding rear seats front electric windows height adjustable drivers seat immobiliser power steering radio/cassette remote central locking, remote alarm, rear headrests, power steering, blue, 58700 miles, £9995, Kings Highway Garage Ltd, Plumstead, 020 8855 4000 (TRADE)

206, 1.4 S 2004, metallic silver, 29500 miles, £2495, CB Motors, Tenterden, 01580 765011 (TRADE)

206, 1.4 Style 5 door Hatchback, 2001 (y), stunning evergreen coachwork with green fleck trim, low mileage (47000) m/d service history, long mot, pas, remote central locking and alarm, air bags, original hi-fi, metallic evergreen, only 47000 miles, £2995, Riviera Car Sales, Folkestone, 01303 244244 (TRADE)

206 SW, 2.0 HDI 5dr, immobiliser, remote central locking, remote alarm, cloth upholstery, head restraints, height adjustable seat, auto lighting, front fog lamps, metallic paintwork, rain-sensing wipers, roof rails, auto-dip, rearview, electric front windows, electric mirrors, air conditioning, cd player, radio, stereo, diablo red, 54000 miles, £5990, Kent TDI Centre, Maidstone, 01622 750022 (TRADE)

206CC, 2002, abs air conditioning, alloy wheels cabrio roof cd player central locking clock driver airbag electric front windows exterior mirror heated exterior mirrors electric exterior temperature front sport seats power steering radio revolution counter sport steering wheel, silver, 45642 miles, £6995, FG Barnes, Maidstone, 01622 575531 (TRADE)

206 SW, 2.0 HDI 5dr, immobiliser, remote central locking, remote alarm, cloth upholstery, head restraints, height adjustable seat, auto lighting, front fog lamps, metallic paintwork, rain-sensing wipers, roof rails, auto-dip, rearview, electric front windows, electric mirrors, air conditioning, cd player, radio, stereo, diablo red, 54000 miles, £5990, Kent TDI Centre, Maidstone, 01622 750022 (TRADE)

SWIFT, 1.3 Verve 1.4HDi 2007, cd player delivery mileage only remainder of manufacturers 3yr warranty, power assisted steering 5dr hatchback, ocean blue met, 30 miles, £8,095, Cheriton Motor House, Folkestone, 01303 275795 (TRADE)

SWIFT, 1.3 GL Hatchback 3dr, 07/2007, central locking delivery mileage only power assisted steering 16v remainder of manufacturers warranty, kasmere blue met, 30 miles, £7,895, Cheriton Motor House, Folkestone, 01303 275795 (TRADE)

SWIFT, Gls 1.0, 2001, red, 54181 miles, £1495, Morris Forshaw, Maidstone, 01622 750 442 (TRADE)

SWIFT, SXI 1.7, 2007, finished in lightning silver with black interior manual, black, 0 miles, £12995, Caffyns Turnbridge Wells Vauxhall, Turnbridge Wells, 01829 515700 (TRADE)

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ASTRA, 1.2 16v 16v 182, remote alarm, remote central locking, cloth upholstery, power steering, air bag, rear wash/wipe, radio cassette, security grill to rear window, mesh bulkhead, mot'd, taxed, white, 65000 miles, £3595, Clearways Commercials, Sevenoaks, 01474 853034 (TRADE)

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CLIO, 2.0 Sport 16v 172 Cup, metallic paintwork, black metallic, 2003, 23080 miles, black, £6990, Drake & Fletcher Honda, Ashford, 0845 371 0201 (TRADE)

CLIO, 1.4 Expression + Hatchback 5d 1390cc, 52 2002, remote central locking, air conditioning, full body colour, service history, metallic silver, miles, £4795, Westbrook Cars, Canterbury, 01227 710685 (TRADE)

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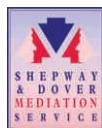
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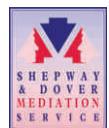
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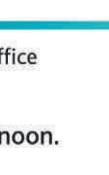
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#### Basic Skills (at Canterbury and Sheppey College)

Various hours available, salary range £17,729 – £25,420 pro rata per annum.

Post Ref: S/BS/KOS

#### Text & Word Processing

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You will be responsible for maintaining the general security of the University premises including residential and office accommodation, maintaining CCTV surveillance, setting intruder and fire alarms and reacting to breaches of security. There will be some receptionist and switchboard duties particularly at nights and weekends.

You will have previous security related experience preferably within an educational establishment or similar, be of smart appearance with demonstrable interpersonal skills. You will have excellent communication skills and be able to use the telephone and e-mail systems. A relevant SIA licence will be an advantage.

Shift allocations and duties are variable and flexibility is required. There will be both day and night shift working at any one of our sites although this post will be predominantly a night shift post and you must recognise this as part of the role. Ref: SP4/CAM/77.

### Accommodation Office

#### Security Caretaker (20 hours)

£13,739 to £15,300 per annum pro rata

The University has a wide range of student accommodation housing some 1,500 students in either self-catering flats or in catered halls spread over different sites, both on and off campus. During vacations they are also available for conferences and commercial letting.

You will be an integral part of a small team which helps to secure and maintain the student living environment at the University Halls of Residence sites.

With a background in caretaking/security in the public sector you will be able to deliver an excellent level of customer service, possess good communication and interpersonal skills and have a 'can do' approach to minor repairs, maintenance and general duties.

The hours of work will be Friday afternoon, Saturday and Sunday. Ref: SC2/ACC/77.

#### Night Warden (Two Posts)

£13,739 to £15,300 per annum

The University has a wide range of student accommodation housing some 1,500 students in either self-catering flats or in catered halls. The accommodation is spread over different sites, both on and off campus in Canterbury and during vacations they are available for conferences and commercial letting.

Reporting to the Accommodation Services Manager you will help to secure and maintain the student living environment on the University Halls of Residence sites working a varied shift roster any 5 days out of 7, mainly night shifts. The successful applicant, will nevertheless, need to be flexible and with due notice (usually a month's notice of change) accept shift changes readily.

With a background in caretaking/security in the public sector you will be able to deliver as part of a central security team an excellent level of customer service to students, staff and visitors to the University. You will also have good communication and interpersonal skills. Ref: NW1/ACC/77.

### Campus Catering Services

#### Executive Head Chef

£25,134 to £26,666 per annum

Working with the Front of House and Catering Systems Manager this is a key managerial post to move the catering service forward.

With at least NVQ Level 2/3 in Food Preparation and Cooking you will have worked in an institutional catering environment at Head Chef level. You will also be in possession of a current Intermediate Food Hygiene Certificate and have been actively involved (preferably led) the introduction of HACCP into a food production kitchen.

You should be conscientious with flair and creativity and be keen to lead an excellent culinary team towards continuing success. Proven leadership skills, financial acumen, communication skills and flair, imagination and enthusiasm for food are essential as is the ability to work in a very busy environment. Ideally you will have experience of working in Higher Education. Ref: EHC1/CAT/77.

### Department of Childhood Studies (Location to be confirmed)

#### Lecturer/Senior Lecturer - Physical Education

£27,466 to £40,335 per annum

You will be a dynamic member of staff working with the existing Physical Education team at an exciting time, when new initiatives are being designed and implemented. You will teach across a range of programmes, including the BA/BSc Physical Education and Sport & Exercise Science, and also will make significant contributions to the ongoing development of Physical Education at the University.

You will have a Masters degree (or a commitment to undertake one) and be familiar with current national and international developments and issues in the field of Physical Education. Experience of, or research interest in Inclusion and/or social and cultural aspects of Physical Education are desirable. Ref: LSL9/CHS/77.

Informal enquiries to the Programme Director Paul Carney on 01227 782877 or paul.carney@canterbury.ac.uk

### Department of Educational Research & NICER

#### Research Fellow in Early Years (Fixed Term for 2 years)

£25,134 to £26,666 per annum

Attached to an early years project on character and values education, you will carry out fieldwork, be responsible for analysis and literature reviews and contribute to the writing of reports and materials for a new project beginning in the Autumn Term 2007.

You will be enthusiastic and committed, contributing towards a dynamic and ambitious group of researchers and practitioners. Your subject background will be less important than strong generic research skills, the ability to deliver work of the highest quality and to work as part of a team. Ref: RF1/TEM/77.

For an information discussion, please contact Professor James Arthur on 01227 782277.

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You will be qualified to degree level or equivalent, preferably to higher degree or doctorate level. You will have extensive, senior and relevant experience, including managing a mainframe database, managing staff and budgets, preferably within a Higher Education environment. Excellent communication, interpersonal and organisational skills are essential. Ref: ACA/APA/77.

## MEDWAY CAMPUS

### Allied Health Professions

#### Senior Lecturer in Speech & Language Therapy (0.5fte)

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For informal discussion, please contact Professor Kate Springett, Head of Department, on 01227 782935 or kate.springett@canterbury.ac.uk or Marian McCormick on 01634 894432 or marian.mccormick@canterbury.ac.uk

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For an informal discussion please contact Louise Sibley on 01227 782522.

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thamesview-jun.medway.sch.uk

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### FINANCE ASSISTANT

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15 hours per week (term time plus 3 weeks)

Hours: 10:00am - 1:00pm

Start: ASAP

It is preferred that applicants should have previous experience of working in a school office and in using the SIMS FMS6 finance system otherwise the applicant must have the ability to quickly become proficient in the school's financial systems following training.

### RECEPTIONIST/CLERICAL ASSISTANT

Kent Scheme, Band 3, Points 7-11  
£13,619 - £15,440 (£6,696 - £7,591 pro-rata)

20 hours per week (term time plus 3 weeks)

Hours: 12:30 - 4:30pm

Start: ASAP

The successful applicant will have a good general knowledge of Microsoft Office applications, have proficient keyboard skills and have previous administrative and receptionist experience not necessarily gained in a school environment.

For more information or to request an application pack for either position, please contact Tanya Neil our Office Manager.

Closing date: Friday 18th January 2008

Interviews:

Finance Assistant - Tuesday 29th January 2008

Receptionist/Clerical Assistant - Thursday 31st January 2008

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## BUSINESS BRIEFS

### Marketing team is hand-picked for success

THE company running one of Kent's most prestigious hotels has landed a top accolade at national marketing awards.

Hand Picked Hotels, which runs Chilston Park Hotel in Lenham, won the award for best marketing activity on a small budget at the Hotel Marketing Association's 14th annual marketing awards at the Intercontinental Hotel in Park Lane.

The award was for a marketing drive for the company's 14 country house hotels – including Chilston Park, a 17th-century manor house set in 23 acres of countryside.

The team responsible for the winning campaign received an all-expenses paid luxury 'house party'.

### Keep your eyes open to ensure safety at work

THE Health and Safety Executive has published guidance to prevent danger from portable electrical equipment in low-risk premises.

It reveals that for most offices visual checks of computers, printers and faxes for obvious signs of damage and simple tests by competent members of staff are sufficient to comply with the law.

By law, companies do not need to keep a record of checks, but doing so can give useful information when faults do arise.

### Investor expands by buying landmark hotel

A LANDMARK hotel has been bought by a property investment group as part of its expansion plans in Kent.

GSE Cheriton Parc Limited, based in Ashford, has acquired Hythe Imperial Hotel with a funding package from The Royal Bank of Scotland.

The 100-room hotel, which has sea views, gardens, a spa, a golf course and conference facilities, will be run by Accor Hotels UK through its Mercure brand.

GSE Cheriton Parc Limited is the property investment arm of GSE Group Limited, whose main activities are building and civil engineering.

# Advice is advised

PRIVATE businesses squeezed by growing red tape and health and safety issues are turning more and more to an independent group which advises and fights for them.

The national Forum of Private Business (FPB) – contacted regularly by Kent-based firms – is funded by members and offers a range of products and services aimed at saving money and providing practical help with all aspects of running a small business.

Ian Cox, of RS Piper Ltd, a Folkestone company making engineering components and exhaust systems, said he had used the FPB's legal helpline regularly.

"So often, when you go to see a lawyer, you end up no better off. We've used the FPB's legal helpline three times in the last six months for advice on employment law and other legal issues and we got results."

Phil McCabe, FPB's media officer, said advisers can offer practical information to owner-managers of member firms faced with staff disputes, who often feel they have nowhere else to turn for legal information.

Members can now also take advantage of the FPB's new employment guide to help them negotiate complexities of employment law.

FPB's senior member services representative, Philip Moody, said it could also help firms cope with changes in the workplace, which often unsettled workers.

He said: "I would urge them to call the helpline whenever they make any changes in the workplace, rather than leaving it until there is a problem with staff. The sooner assistance can be given to ward off potential disputes, the better."

Over the last month there was a sharp increase in the number of enquiries regarding actual or prospective redundancies, with 16 per cent of all callers seeking help, but about a third of all calls related to employee conduct.

Employee absence, including unauthorised absence, remains a problem for small businesses. About 19 per cent of all the calls received in December were related to difficulties created by members of staff not turning up for work.

FPB was formed in 1977 and represents



approximately 25,000 UK-based businesses, which in turn employ more than 600,000 people.

To contact FPB, phone 01565 626019, or visit [www.fpb.org](http://www.fpb.org).

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## Learn to drive like a rally ace

TOP British rally driver Stefan Davis is offering a chance of a lifetime to rallying fans by hosting a car control driving course in Sweden.

The Maidstone driver will guide novice drivers in how to control a car at speed in difficult snow and ice conditions.

Techniques such as left-foot braking and one of rally's most technical skills, 'the Scandinavian Flick', will be taught.

The trip is planned for February. Included in the visit, participants will be treated to seeing the best drivers in the world compete in the Swedish round of the World Rally Championship.

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 Gillis boss Mark Stimson talks about his top targets in the transfer window

## Running track decision moved

ATHLETES will have to wait until March before they learn if a new athletics track will be built in the county town.

A state-of-the-art athletics facility had been proposed by Sutton Valence School and Medway & Maidstone Athletics Club to be built on grounds belonging to the school.

It is hoped the track will attract more people to get involved in athletics, and be a training venue for the 2012 Olympics.

The partners were awaiting planning permission originally scheduled to be declared in January. However, residents have forced the partnership to change their plans for the track.

Two residents have complained about the glare of the proposed floodlights so the plan has been changed by moving the track slightly.

Medway & Maidstone AC member, Paul Alcock said: "This change to the plan has cost us six weeks, which is annoying. We are still going ahead with our plans and will be appointing a project manager soon."

Planning permission for the facility will be decided on March 9.



LEADING THE WAY: Medway & Maidstone AC runner Michale Coleman (far right) heads the pack in Saturday's Kent Cross Country Championships at the Detling Showground. It was the fifth time he has won the event

# Fifth championship on trot proves Coleman's mustard

MICHAEL Coleman produced a brilliant run to defend successfully his Kent Cross Country title and scoop the championship for the fifth time.

The Medway & Maidstone Athletic Club runner covered the 12,400m course at the Detling Showground in 40 Minutes 12 seconds to finish ahead of the pack.

Coleman was expecting to have a battle on his hands for the win from Cambridge Harriers runner Dean Lacy, but last year's runner-up struggled on one of the 1,200m laps and almost retired halfway through.

Coleman's Medway & Maidstone club mate Neil Renault claimed second place, with Blackheath & Bromley runner Andrew Raynor finishing third.

Kent Athletics Development Officer and event organiser Chris Bowman hailed Coleman, who has come close to representing Great Britain in the past.

## ATHLETICS

■ BY TOM HOWARD

Bowman said: "Coleman is a good athlete and he showed just how good he is by defending his title – he is a real talent. In previous years he has just fallen shy of really making it as a top athlete, but he is still young so there is time for him to make that breakthrough."

In the women's race, Medway & Maidstone failed to repeat their domination of last year's event, which saw them claim the top five positions.

This year it was Blackheath & Bromley runner Bryony Procter who secured the victory, leading home Dulwich's Claire Elms and Rhona Loubser from Folkestone AC.

The Detling Showground hosted the Championships for the second year. There were 183 athletes who battled to finish the men's senior race and Bowman believes the

quantity of runners competing is a good sign for the sport in the county.

He said: "The Cross Country Championships is a big event in the county's athletics calendar. From this, runners are picked to represent the Kent in the Inter-County Championships."

"Athletes are always looking to win this event. If you win the championships in Kent it will put athletes in good stead, as Kent is a strong county for cross country."

With the 2012 Olympics fast approaching, athletes such as Coleman and Renault may have a chance of representing England.

However, according to former athlete Bowman, the county will have to wait for another Kentish Olympian.

He said: "As for whether these athletes will make it into Olympic teams in the future, it is doubtful because it is hard to take the next step."

"Kent has only had three athletes in recent years make it and they were real stand out talents such as Kelly Holmes, Steve Backley and long jumper John King, but I hope that one day we will have more Olympians from Kent."

Picture BOB HAYTON



YOUNGSTERS: Two teenagers played key roles as Maidstone won their first match since November

## Young guns deliver for Stones

A PAIR of 17-year-olds played starring roles as Maidstone came from behind to record their first win in five matches.

Nick Van Mol scored two tries in the second half to seal the victory, but fly-half Piers Francis took the plaudits with a flawless display of kicking to score 16 points on his debut.

The Kent College schoolboy was part of the reserve team which hammered Shepway 60-0 a week earlier, and he graduated to the first team with ease.

The hosts showed flashes of good form at the Mote, with Van Mol scoring the first of his tries after only 11 minutes, after collecting

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the ball from captain Martin Arnold.

The pair combined again nine minutes later when Van Mol raced through to gather Arnold's chip. Francis scored his second conversion to give the hosts a 14-0 lead.

It looked like a comfortable home win was on the cards, but a lack of possession and poor decision-making in the tackle thwarted the home side's bid to extend their lead before the break.

The visitors came back into the game with two tries of their own

to narrow the deficit to 14-12 at half-time.

A penalty edged London 2 South's bottom side in front early in the second half, as Sevenoaks eyed a first away victory of the campaign.

Francis calmed nerves with a penalty from the touchline on 55 minutes to restore Maidstone's lead.

Three more successful kicks from the impressive youngster gave Tim McBennett's side their first win since November 3.

The victory keeps Maidstone in fifth place, nine points behind leaders Jersey.

On Saturday, London 1 side Thanet Wanderers visit the Mote in the second round of the Kent Cup.

# Hagan sees red in debut for Stones

## FOOTBALL

■ BY TOM HOWARD

### Maidstone United 1 AFC Wimbledon 2

TWO early goals from AFC Wimbledon and new signing Conor Hagan's sending off dented any chance of a Maidstone United victory at the weekend.

Going into the match, the Stones were without Erisson Ahwan, Lynden Rowland, Chris Smalling and Ray Freeman for the match due to injury.

However, Hagan was given international clearance from the Northern Irish Football Association and made his debut for the Stones.

The 25-year-old attacking midfielder signed late last week from Carnegie Irish Premier League side Portadown.

The game started in the worst possible way for the Stones, as the visitors were awarded a penalty after 58 seconds.

The referee adjudged defender Ben Lewis to have handled the ball in the area and former Ebbsfleet United player, Mark De Bolla calmly slotted away the spot kick.

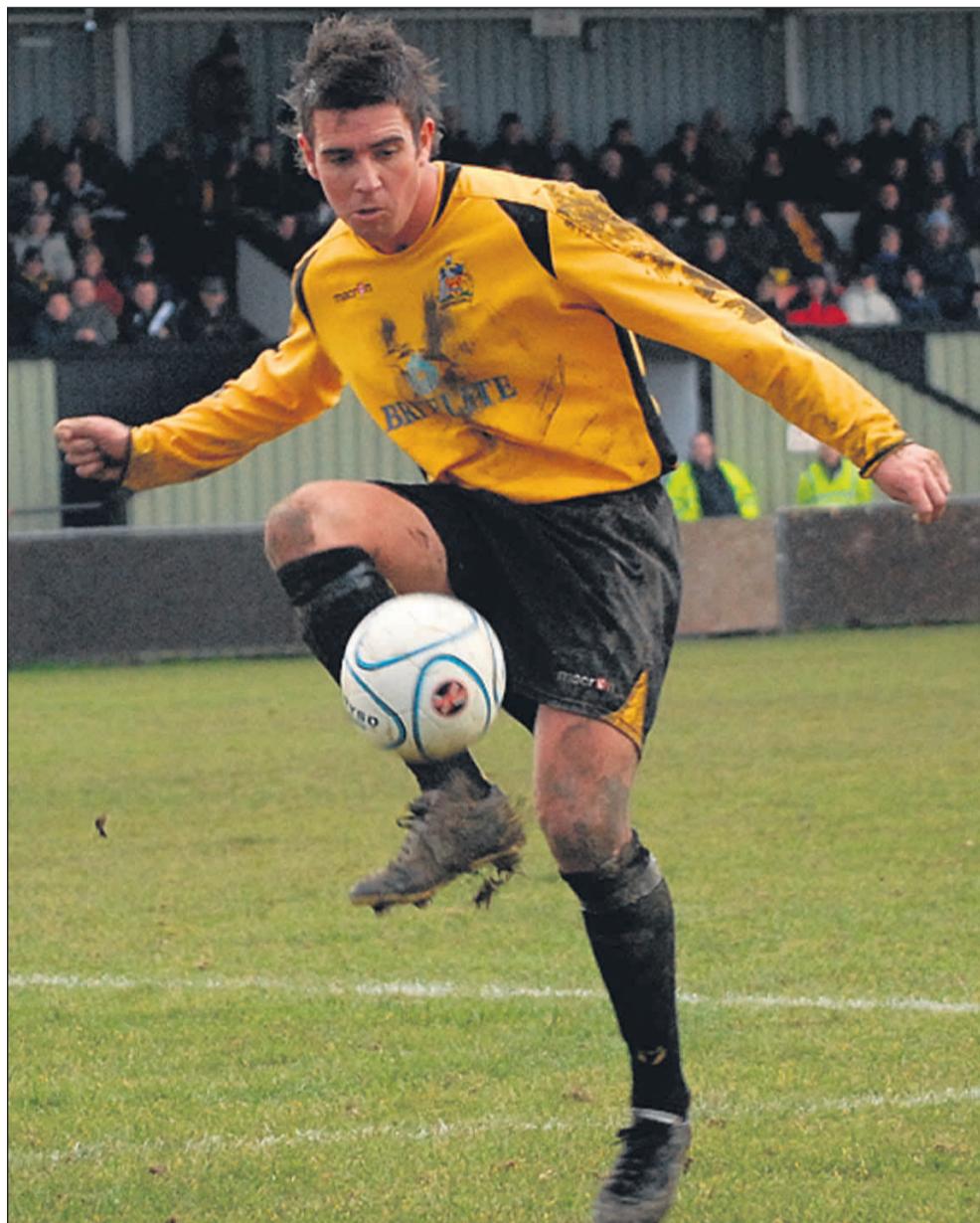
The match didn't get any better for the Stones, as AFC Wimbledon increased their lead, with a header from Tony Finn after ten minutes.

However, this goal seemed to spark Maidstone into action and they pulled a goal back three minutes later through in-form striker Mo Takaloo.

In the second half, Maidstone pressed for an equaliser but their hopes were dashed after Hagan saw red after two bookable offences. Despite the sending off, manager Alan Walker believes the Irish midfielder will be an asset for the Stones.

Walker said: "He is a quality player and I think he will really compliment Rob Owen and Sam Tydeman in the midfield."

United have slipped to 14th in the Ryman Premier League and face Boreham Wood next Saturday.



Picture STEVE TERRILL

**FIERY DEBUT:** New signing Conor Hagan showed glimpses of his quality in his debut for Maidstone United before his red card ended hopes of an equaliser

# A bullish start to the New Year

Picture JAE DONNELLY



**ON THE UP:** Aylesford Bulls got off to the best start possible for 2008 with an away win to boost their promotion hopes

A SECOND half try from Andy Hall gifted Aylesford Bulls all the points after recording a valuable away victory at Old Mid-Whitgiftians.

The Bulls started the match strongly by putting pressure on the opposition's 22. However, handling errors which plagued the first half cost the Bulls' try scoring opportunities.

It was Aylesford who opened the scoring from the boot of fly-half Dave Dorton, who calmly slotted a 35-yard penalty kick between the posts.

Old Mid-Whitgiftians rose to the challenge and immediately took the lead scoring a try against the run of play. The home side missed the conversion and went into the break with a 5-3 lead.

The Bulls made a change for the second half with Fijian Tim Vereivalu coming on, slotting in at number 8, while Lee Evans moved into the centre.

The change had an immediate effect with the Bulls taking a stranglehold of the game. The increased possession paid off as Aylesford scored their only try of the game mid

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### Old Mid-Whitgiftians 5 Aylesford Bulls 11

way through the second half. From a line out, the Bulls pack secured the ball and drove towards the try line which allowed Hall to crash over. Dorton's conversion attempt just slid past the posts, but the visitors had an 8-5 lead.

The home side put the pressure on Aylesford in the dying minutes as they tried to find a way back into the match. Try saving tackles from wingers Ollie Cargill and Danny Parkes ensured the defence was not breached again.

In desperation, Old Mid-Whitgiftians gave away a penalty and the Bulls sealed the victory with Dorton's successful kick.

The result moves the Bulls to fifth in London South East 3 level on points with fourth-placed Deal & Bettehanger.

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### Snodland win ahead of big match against Norton

KENT County Football League side Snodland have moved into mid table after beating struggling Bromley Green 3-2.

The result was Snodland's sixth victory of the season and moves them to seventh in the league, just five points adrift of fifth placed Fleet-Leisure.

Snodland have a week's break before their next league fixture against unbeaten Norton Sports. They will have to put in one of their best performances of the season if they are to pick up any points.

### Valence visit Bay to get New Year off to a start

SUTTON Valence men's 1st XI hockey team are back in action this weekend, following the festive break.

The side will take on struggling Herne Bay who are second from bottom in the Kent & Sussex Regional League.

Valence are only two places above them and hope to get off to the best start possible by securing their fifth win of the season.

The two sides met on the opening day of the campaign, with Valence running out 4-2 winners.

### Stones secure another loan signing from Gills

AFTER the successful loan period of Gillingham striker Luis Cumbers at Maidstone United, the Stones have secured another loan deal with the League One side.

Right sided defender Danny Walder has joined the Ryman Premier side on a month's loan. Despite a hard time in his first full game, against Carshalton Athletic, Stones boss Alan Walker believes he has potential.

Walker said: "Walder is definitely a prospect for the future and I have got high hopes for him."

### Tongues set Wagging as teen signs for Addicks

A POTENTIAL star of the future from Maidstone has signed professional terms with Championship side Charlton Athletic.

Promising winger, Scott Wagstaff has penned a two-and-a-half year deal to stay with the Addicks after skippering the under-18s to FA Youth Cup success and being an ever present in the club's reserve team.

Wagstaff was noticed by the club after impressing at a Charlton Community coaching course in the county. He was also named as a substitute for the Addicks' Boxing Day game against Norwich City.

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